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# Students on hunger strike to stop cuts

by R.D. Tsai

In response to increases in education costs, five UVic students have stopped eating. The students started a hunger strike on February 16 to protest an anticipated funding freeze for Aboriginal post-secondary education.

**For the hunger strikers it is not just a question of cuts, but an issue of the government not living up to its constitutional duty to provide education.**

The hunger strikers have set up tents and an information desk, for the duration, in the new Student Union Building. Protester Penny Katzel said they will continue until the federal government lives up to its treaty obligations "by guaranteeing that there will be a substantial increase to Aboriginal post-secondary education funding for 1996-97."

The Native Student Union said it received a federal government memo suggesting that allocations for 96/97 would remain the same as 95/96 in the upcoming federal budget. For the hunger strikers it is not just a question of cuts, but an issue of the government not living up to its constitutional duty to provide education.

Mansell Griffin, an aboriginal student supporter from Malaspina College, is demonstrating in UVic's SUB because he believes that a freeze would affect "280 Aboriginal students who won't be able to afford it." Griffin also said that a freeze would not take into account the influx of Aboriginal students entering post-secondary institutions from high school.

Although the funding freeze has not been confirmed by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Griffin said that "the constitution guarantees the right [of First Nations people] to post-secondary education. Every year the funding has been increased."

The hunger strikers are sticking to a diet of herbal tea, squeezed lemons and the occasional coffee. Protesters Penny Katzel, Jim Jones, Tammy Bridges, Lynn Solomon and Gwen Bridge take turns so that there is always someone in the SUB. "We're all here as much as we can be," said Katzel.

The strike has started to take a toll. Bridges, a candidate for director at large in the upcoming UVSS elections, has lost 11 pounds since the strike started.

For the Canadian Federation of Students "Education is a Right" is a slogan, but for Aboriginal students it is a right that they see as entrenched in the constitution.

**The hunger strikers have not heard from government officials. Katzel is not surprised.**

"Our education is there in the constitution; for others it is not," said Penny Katzel, BC Aboriginal liaison. According to Katzel, section 35 of the Canadian Constitution guarantees treaty rights to an education. She said that it is in part a "down payment for lands" taken during colonization.

The hunger strikers have not heard from government officials. Katzel is not surprised. "They've got nothing worthwhile to say to us yet," she said. Final funding decisions won't be made until the federal budget is delivered next month.

Bill White, Aboriginal Liaison for UVic, supports the direct action.

The university administration has not yet sent a formal letter of support for the student action.

Ovide Mercredi, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, has written directly to Ron Irwin, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of the hunger strikers. The Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs has also expressed its support.

**If people don't agree with the hunger strike, the strikers invite them to "come and talk to us."**

Katzel encourages people to become informed. She wishes that "students that don't understand the funding mechanism" for Aboriginal students would learn about the issue before criticizing Aboriginal access to education.

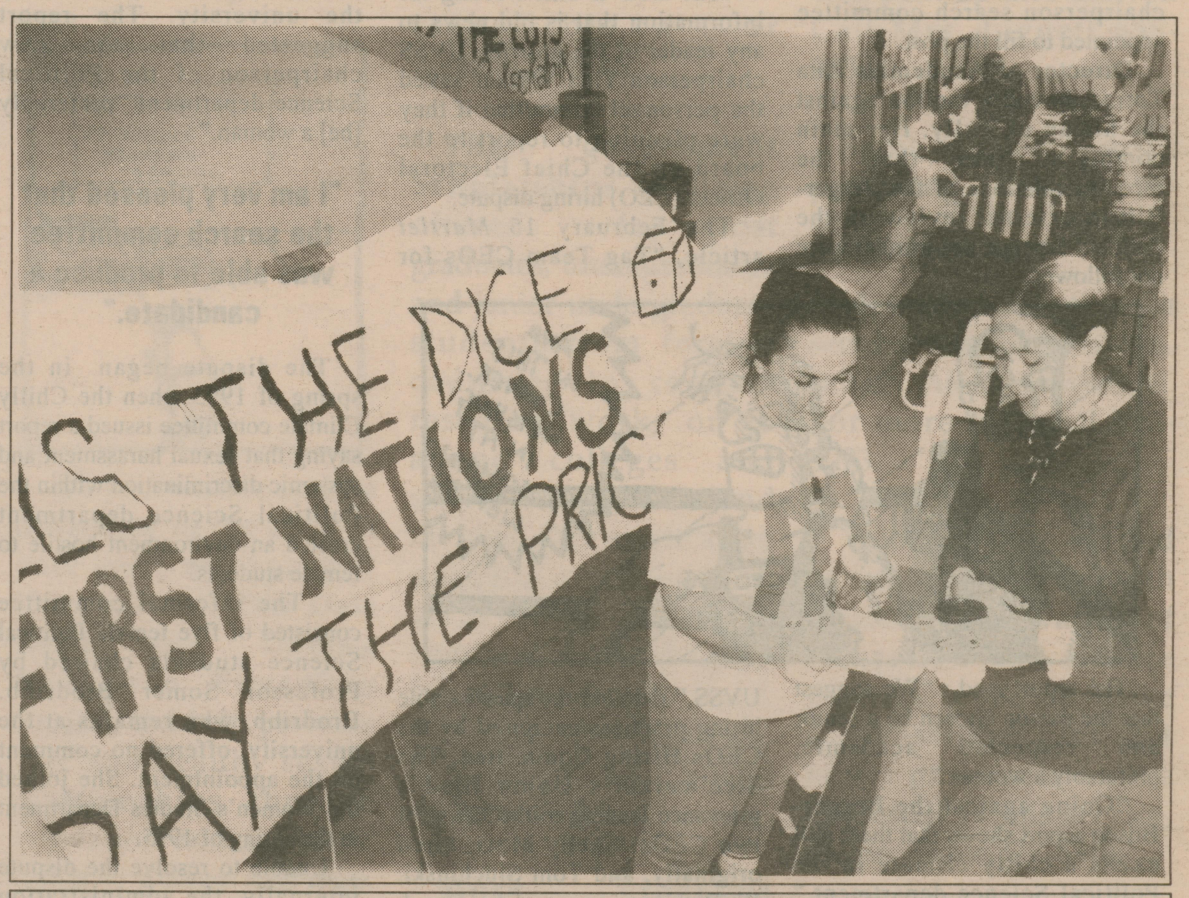
Native bands get tuition and living allowance funding. Most first nations students are not eligible for student loans and grants. Guidelines for student funding have stayed at 1989 levels despite rising costs.

If people don't agree with the hunger strike, the strikers invite them to "come and talk to us." Jim Jones said that he has had interesting debates with students.

He feels that there is no conflict between Canadian constitutional rights and ongoing negotiations for self government. "Self government is determined by tribe. It is different in every case." There is no policy that can apply to every group. "You have to work with what's possible," he said.

The strike has started to receive national attention with mainstream media covering it in BC and Ontario.

It is likely that any funding freeze would coincide with funding cuts to non-Native student education. ❑




February 28 marked day 13 of Native students' hunger strike

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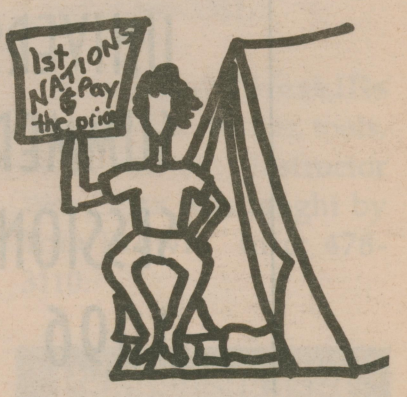


# Obstacle removed for work

by George Pringle

UVic has removed a major obstacle preventing international students from being hired into work-study jobs.

Provincial funding is provided only for Canadian students who have qualified for and applied for a student loan. International students are restricted from working in Canada except at on-campus jobs.

Starting this term, the university will allow international and out-of-province students to apply for internally funded work-study positions. The students will have to provide proof of financial need to qualify. Out-of-province students will be required to apply for a student loan in their home province. International students will have to fill out a special application form and be interviewed by a financial aid officer.

**"It's a good step forward but it's not as accessible as it could be," Yogendra Shakya.**

"We have chosen to expand the eligibility to lessen the chance any position goes unfilled," said Pat Sarsfield of Financial Aid Services.

There were 195 work-study positions authorized for September 1996; 11 remain posted at the student employment centre. Twelve international students have been authorized to apply for jobs since the change.

Next year, international students will have to wait until after November 1 to be authorized. The number of positions made available will be about eight to 10 per cent of the total.

"It's a good step forward but it's not as accessible as it could be," said Yogendra Shakya, president of the Association of International and Canadian Students. ❑

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# BoD briefs, February 26, 1996

by Richard Carlson

## Chilly Climate

The UVSS board did not have a warm welcome for Dr. James Tully, the new chairperson of UVic's Political Science department. Tully was selected unanimously by the department's chairperson search committee appointed to fill the post.

Director of Academics Ana Torres moved a motion against the hiring of Tully. Her main complaint was that the recommendations of the Berger-Bilson external review on the Political Science department were not followed.

The report read, "We suggest that the person chosen be a senior and respected academic, preferably a woman."

"Going against the Berger-Bilson report shows that there still exists a chilly climate in the Political Science department," Torres said. "While the individual in question [Tully] is a very enlightened person, the fact that they could not find a woman is a travesty."

Sarah Burgess, director at large, agreed. "The university paid $190,000 on the Berger-Bilson report and the fact they ignored it is terrible," she said.

The motion against the hiring carried with only Shannon Lowe, director at large, abstaining.

## Chief electoral officers times two.

The BoD is still waiting for information that is old news to any reader of the *Martlet*. UVSS chairperson Tina Walker asked the personnel committee if they were planning to report to the board on the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) hiring dispute.

The February 15 *Martlet* article, "Tag Team CEOs for UVSS," detailed the questionable hiring practices exercised by the CEOs Hiring Committee. The Steelworker's Union filed a grievance leading to the hiring of two CEOs: Shelly Motz, hired originally, and Tom Sluchinski. Walker was assured by Sarah Burgess, a member of the personnel committee, that the board would be briefed at the next meeting.❑

# Poli Sci still chilly, say students

by Joel Casselman

Student opinion is divided over the appointment of Dr. James Tully as the new head of the Political Science department.

The controversy over Tully's hiring is the result of UVic's failure to implement fully the recommendations made in an external report commissioned by the university. The report suggested that the new chairperson of the Political Science department "preferably [be] a woman."

**"I am very pleased that the search committee was able to produce a candidate."**

The dispute began in the spring of 1993 when the Chilly Climate committee issued a report saying that sexual harassment and systemic discrimination within the Political Science department created an environment hostile to female students.

The informal committee consisted of five female Political Science students chaired by Professor Somer Brodribb. Brodribb, who remains at the university, offered no comment on the appointment. She joined the Women's Studies Department in the spring of 1995.

Unable to resolve the dispute internally, the administration commissioned a $190,000 external review conducted by Thomas Berger and Beth Bilson. Their January 1994 report recommended that the Political Science department be chaired for five years by an individual from outside the department.

Pam Grant, the Political Science chairperson search committee's undergraduate representative, supported the appointment of Tully. "I am very pleased that the search committee was able to produce a candidate who was ultimately approved by the male and female faculty of our department," Grant said.

The chairperson search committee chose three equal criteria for the selection of the successful candidate: a recognized scholar, an experienced administrator and a feminist.

"We believed, as did our faculty members, that James Tully met these three requirements," Grant said. "I don't think that you have to be a woman to be a feminist."

Grant disagreed with a statement made by UVSS chairperson Tina Walker in a recent *Times-Colonist* article. Walker said that Tully's appointment shows the university's complete disregard for the recommendation.

"I thought it was strange that the *Times-Colonist* interviewed people who have no connection with the Political Science department," Grant said.

Walker disagreed. "The issue in the Political Science department is exemplary of discrimination that occurs on campus and is important to be addressed by students from other departments and the UVSS. Such behavior is intolerable and hinders any opportunity for improving equity at UVic," Walker said.

Dr. Tully is presently a professor of Philosophy and Political Science at McGill University. His appointment has been described by VP Academic Sam Scully as being "one of the finest we have made in the past decade." Born in Nanaimo, Tully received his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Cambridge. He has been a visiting fellow at Oxford and Cambridge and has advised the Canadian Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

His recent work has sought to reconcile the recognition of feminist, linguistic and cultural groups while retaining a commitment to individual freedom.

The chairperson search committee consisted of Dean of Social Sciences Lou Costa, four Political Science professors, two professors from other departments, one graduate student and one undergraduate student.

**The UVSS board of directors stated that the hiring of a male constituted a continuation of a chilly climate towards women within the Political Science department.**

In March 1995 Sandra Burt, a Political Science professor at the University of Waterloo, was short listed for the position. Unfortunately, she was forced to turn down the offer for personal reasons.

At their February 26 meeting, the UVSS board of directors stated that the hiring of a male constituted a continuation of a chilly climate towards women within the Political Science department. The board resolved that the UVSS oppose "the university's flagrant disregard for the Berger-Bilson report" and send a letter to the university administration and the Political Science department. The letter will demand an end to the chilly climate within the department.

"It's reprehensible that the university spent over $190,000 of students' money and doesn't even have the audacity to implement the recommendations contained in the Berger-Bilson report," Walker said.

Tully's term begins July 1. ❑

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# Referenda divide students

by Adam Turner

This year two issues are going to referendum; A Canadian Federation of Students fee raise, and the development of a scholarship for international students.

Students are being asked for an additional $2.25 per semester for the CFS. A similar referendum last year failed.

The debate over the University's participation in the CFS has centered around the fact that UVic voted not to pay the increased fees established in 1992. At that time, the CFS decided to raise its national fees and the provincial wing decided to follow suit. Overall the increase was $2.25 per student. Students donate $3 to both the provincial and national wings of the CFS.

Theresa Sabourin, official representative for the Yes campaign, says the issue is about fairness. Every other member of a BC CFS local is currently paying the six dollar fee. UVic CFS fees currently equal $86 208.

Michael Gardiner, BC CFS chairperson, objects to the misleading platform of Devon Kruggel, official No side representative. Kruggel describes the CFS as an "NDP youth party." He asks "is it an organization which represents all students or left wing interests." Kruggel is a member of the federal Reform party.

The BC component of the CFS has only one full-time executive member, Gardiner himself with a $30 000 salary. Four other executives of the BC component get monthly stipends of $325 while the national exec rep gets $750 monthly. The other 12 members of the 18 member executive volunteer their time. There are also 2 full-time staff and one three quarter time staff at the provincial office. CFS national also has paid staff.

Although Gardiner is a member of the NDP, he refutes the idea that the CFS has not protested the provincial government enough. He said the CFS lobbied hard against the recent Risk Sharing agreement – the partial privatization of student loans this summer.

Gardiner points to concrete achievements like the removal of the 3% tax on student loans achieved in 1992, voting seats for students on college boards, and no GST on tuition and residence fees. He also said "a lot of the results are not tangible." Gardiner says "tuition is 8-10% [higher] but it would have been 20% without the CFS."

Kruggel does not give the CFS the credit for these changes. Governments test ideas and "if an idea doesn't work or isn't popular they pull it back" whether or not the CFS lobbies, Kruggel said. He also questions sending money to Toronto. "We can do more with our money here," Kruggel said.

Students are also being asked to donate fifty cents per semester to fund an international student scholarship. The scholarship fund is being represented by Yogendra Shakya, President of the Association of Canadian and International students. It is not an initiative of the organization itself but of concerned students.

Both questions will appear on the student election ballots between March 12 and 14, and platforms for the Yes and No sides appear in this week's Martlet. Exercise your right- the only way to influence how your fees are going to change is by voting. ❑

# Failed quorum kills SAGM

by Richard Carlson

The February 15 Semi-Annual General Meeting was more a battle to keep quorum than an ideological debate over policy.

Even before any motions were discussed, fifteen students left the room to try to break the 92 person quorum – the minimum number of students required to conduct the business of the society. The meeting was delayed for fifteen minutes before quorum was finally re-established by the arrival of more students.

Ian Flemington, UVSS director of finance, gave a general outline of the society's finances. Flemington noted that Food Services were not reaching budget targets while Beverage services were doing slightly better than expected. Overall the Society's business was $11 503 ahead of budget. The brief sketch is not a complete picture of the finances however.

Flemington also waded into the coffee debate. "Sales of coffee have dropped about 20 per cent since we have been offering only Bridgehead Coffee on February 8," Flemington said. Bridgehead Coffee costs 31 per cent more than the previous Canterbury coffee plus the cost of the Bridgehead equipment he added.

Theresa Sabourin, director of services, affirmed that "implementing Bridgehead Coffee is a good example" of how Board business decisions should reflect the board's political decisions. Bridgehead is a subsidiary of Oxfam, the development agency.

In other business, Society for Students with a Disability (SSD) received UVSS constituency organization status. Constituency organizations gain a voting seat on the UVSS board of directors. Christian Coll, vice president of the SSD, said "being a constituency organization is really necessary for us to gain representation on campus."

The Native Students' Union also received a voting seat on the board of directors. However, the NSU wanted to remain distinct by not becoming a constituency organization of the UVSS.

The SSD and the NSU will join the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance and the Womens' Centre as organizations with a voting representative on the next board of directors.

The new representatives on the board of directors and directors at large will not be getting $20 weekly meeting allowance – at least not yet. A motion to give directors at large a $20 honorarium for every board of directors meeting attended was tabled until the next UVSS Annual General Meeting.

The honorarium was intended, according to Tina Walker, UVSS Chair, "to recognize the work the members of the board give to society." Tathra Street, director at large, called it "a really progressive way to give payment for the work being done by the board." No one spoke against the motion.

A quorum count was called and there were not enough people to continue the meeting. All undecided motions – including the honorarium – were tabled until the next Annual General Meeting in October. ❑

# Local organizations work for fair practice

by Gefen Bar-On.

In today's sophisticated and overwhelming consumer market buying the goods you need for your daily survival is no longer a simple task.

Where and what you buy makes a statement about your social and ecological values. An "innocent" bottle of shampoo can be available through cruel animal testing. But by buying in small, family owned shops, you can support the local economy and make a difference in your community.

"It is very easy to go to supermarkets and buy what you need" says Prince Nallo, co-ordinator Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group said. We have a choice however. "Buying with care and attention can make a lot of difference and support local agriculture" Nallo said.

**"It is so good to see people come together and organize a positive buying action."**

VIPIRG has chosen to put into practice what they preach. The UVic organization has been operating an organic food buying group for the past two years.

After successfully completing its first order for the year last November, VIPIRG is now getting new orders. By selling organic and healthy locally grown food VIPIRG is hoping to support ecological agriculture and build a more fair economy.

"It is so good to see people come together and organize a positive buying action" Nallo said. Encouraged by support from students, faculty and the community, VIPIRG is hoping to open a bulk organic food store in the SUB by September 1996.

Some people and organizations concentrate on local agriculture and products to promote fairness and justice, others turn overseas to put justice on their shopping list.

In Victoria, the Global Village Shop is an alternative gift store selling handicrafts from developing countries and sending the artisan the full profit. The store is run entirely by volunteers from a variety of backgrounds. It started up in 1998 when a group of Victoria women met to discuss creative ways of helping and empowering people in developing countries.

Believing in trade not aid, the Global Village Store deals regularly with about thirty crafts groups in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. "We make sure the people who produce the valuable merchandise that we sell are getting living wages and can support themselves through their hard work" says Audrie Fawcett, volunteer coordinator, and a founding member of the Global Village.

Global Village buys its products from groups like Halima, a women's group from Tuhka, the capital of Bangladesh. Halima is a group of two hundred women who, in the past, had no choice but to make their living through prostitution.

The women decided to come together and to take a creative initiative to make their lives better. They started to produce hand-made embroidered T-shirts. By selling the T-shirts in the Global Village Store and other similar stores, these women are now able to sustain themselves and their children.

In addition to a colorful variety of handicrafts, the Global Village Store is also selling Bridgehead tea and coffee. Bridgehead is a part of the OXFAM network and it deals with small tea and coffee producers.

"It is important to understand that we are not a profit organization" Chris Morry, from Oxfam Canada, said. "All the money we make goes directly to our producers. Unfortunately, the spirit of our organization was not always reflected in the coffee-debate in U.Vic" he said.

Morry points out that many of the workers in developing countries can not even afford to buy the products they make. "Hopefully, Bridgehead products will help to change this situation" Morry said. ❑


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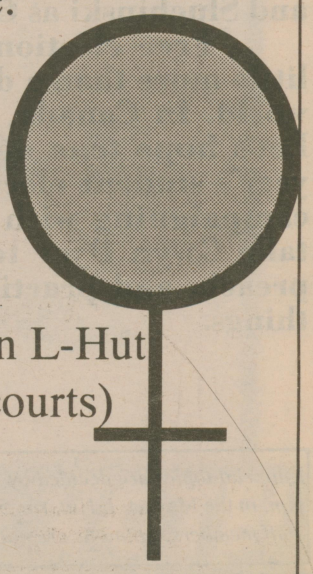

# EDITORIAL

## Fair Elections Now!

**The University of Victoria Student's Society purports to be a pro-union body. Our students' society, hand in hand with the CFS, has aligned itself with organized labor to fight back against government cutbacks.**

**But based on the way the UVSS handled the recent hiring of a chief electoral officer, this allegiance smacks of hypocrisy. The electoral hiring committee's original decision flew in the face of union regulations. The committee, which included chair Tina Walker, conveniently ignored union rules.**

**According to United Steelworkers' policy, when other qualifications are met, the employee with the most time served in the union gets the job. That person was Tom Sluchinski, not Shelly Motz, the person originally hired.**

**UVSS administrative coordinator Ross McKinnon has since suggested Walker should have declared her association with Motz as a possible conflict of interest. In the real world, this could be called patronage.**

**Not only did the decision contradict the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Steelworkers and the UVSS, but McKinnon cited six reasons for overturning the decision on Feb. 12. His memo noted "a malicious act of negligence," occurred when our student reps allowed Sluchinski's resume to be passed around the Women's Centre.**

**Before the shit hit the fan and the decision was overturned, Walker defended their decision, saying Sluchinski had no grounds for grievance. This hardly displays overwhelming sensitivity to union policy. After rumors of a possible wildcat strike by SUB workers and a formal grievance was filed, the seriousness of the situation was finally realized. Said another way: UVSS, don't fuck around with union policy.**

**This is a lesson we all may be learning in the next few months as governments continue to poke at the union hornet nest through cutbacks. Meanwhile, like their student counterparts, politicians are still trying to court the electorate.**

**But in the real world - that place we all move to after graduation - elections are supervised by independent bodies not directly responsible to the government.**

**At UVic, elections are controlled by the University of Victoria Students' Society - often the same people running for re-election. They arrange elections, prepare electoral policy, organize information available to candidates and hire the chief electoral officer.**

**When the connection between elections and politicians is so close, it's important there is no tampering, also no perception of tampering. The UVSS has failed in both of these categories. How does a confidential resume end up in the hands of a campus club? And is the compromise of hiring both Motz and Sluchinski as CEOs really acceptable?**

**Free elections,like organized labor, are little more than a dream in many places in the world. In Canada, we consider them a right. Let's hope true democracy is upheld in this year's student elections. But meanwhile, take campaigning with a grain of salt. It doesn't take Gwyn Dyer to see that what politicians preach, and practice, are often two different things.**

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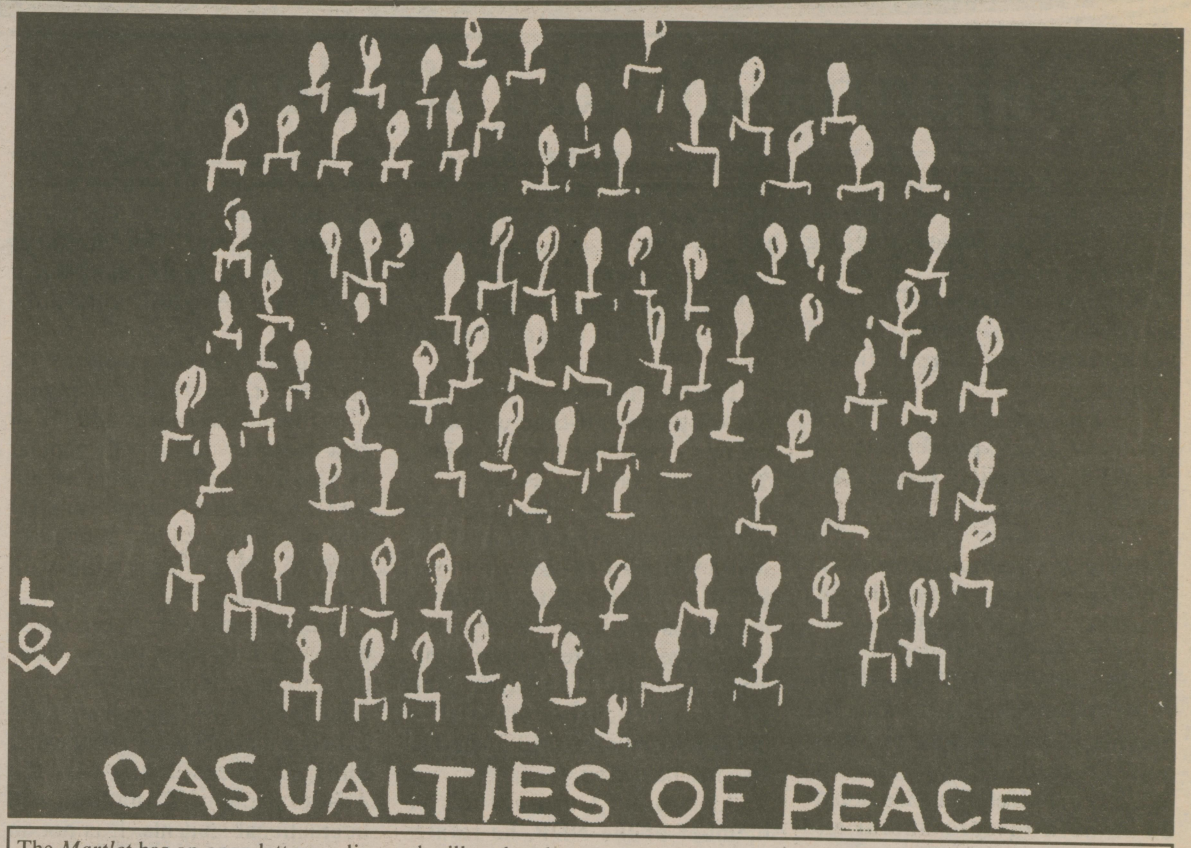


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### I.S.S.F independent

**Editors:**

I would like to bring to the attention of UVic students that I.S.S.F is now running as an independent collective, and no longer under the Association for International and Canadian Students, as formerly published.

Yogendra Shakya
I.S.S.F representative

### Centre endorses candidates

**Editors:**

The Women's Centre Collective believes that the Students' Society is an effective avenue for addressing student concerns. The Women's Centre endorses the following candidates in the upcoming election:

**Executive Directors:**
Julie Lewis for Chairperson
Sarah Burgess for Director of Academics
Conrad Thompson for Director of Finance
Sonia Manak for Director of Services

**Directors at Large**
Gwen Bridge
Danya Chaikel
Rob Fleming
Oliver Kuehn
Sherry MacLeod
Leigh Phillips
Theresa Sabourin
Bindy Sanghera
Kathleen Scanlan

**Board of Governors:**
Theresa Sabourin
Matt Pollard

As well, **we support the CFS fee increase**, recognizing the important work that the Canadian Federation of Students does, like the "No Means No" campaign.

Anne Hilker, on behalf of the Women's Centre Collective

### Speaking out on UVSS

**Editors:**

Now that my political compatriots on the UVSS Board-of-Directors (B0D) have also quit, I am finally able to speak-out on what I experienced during my stint as a UVSS director.

Never have I witnessed a more self-absorbed, power-hungry, or politically corrupt organization. In six months this clique of fringe political activists voted themselves free extended health coverage, gave themselves a $2400 pay raise, and rigged the political system by ramming through **non-elected** "constituency" reps — hijacking the democratic process and trampling over such fundamental democratic principles as "one person, one vote."

Then they had the audacity to spit on the concerns of their own employees, in the name of bringing "exploitation free" coffee to the SUB. Perhaps they should start treating **their own** employees with some respect, before,m before they go spewing their hypocritical, self-righteous crap to the world....

In parting I have one final query for our ruling UVSS Oligarchy....WHY WASN'T THERE A BY-ELECTION CALLED TO FILL THEY FOUR VACANT DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE POSITIONS? Have you abandoned all pretense of the UVSS being a democratic institution, or were you just afraid that you might lose you iron grip on power???

Derek Madson,
Speaker-of-Council
Camosun College Student Society,
Former UVSS Director-at-Large

### Support for coffee farmers

**Editors:**

I am writing in response to the *Martlet* article "Sub coffee debate" (February 1, 1996) by Dane Gibson. The author has presented several inaccurate statements which can only further muddle an already complex debate going on among the various stakeholders of the University of Victoria. First off Bridgehead is a wholly owned subsidiary of Oxfam Canada. As such we are Canadian staffed and managed and have our head quarters in Ottawa. We also manage Oxfam America's fair trade work in the United States and this also occurs from our base in Ottawa

Our mission is to provide otherwise inaccessible markets to marginalized artisans and farmers throughout the global south. This is accomplished through our direct mail catalogue, three retail stores and a small but growing wholesale business. We presently trade with some 90 self-help groups in some 25 countries.

From our beginnings, over ten years ago, we have worked directly with small scale coffee farmers at the grass roots in several countries. The staggering volume of business (in the billions of dollars) transacted in this one commodity is such that hundreds of thousands of small scale farmers have become trapped in a system they have no power to challenge or change. Principles of social justice and environmentalism have been eroded in pursuit of the huge profits that multinationals can and do make.

Howard Esbin
Managing Director

### UVSS Finance figures differ

**Editors:**

I was disappointed to read Ian Flemington' student voice. In my opinion, the point of Mr. Flemington's piece was to confuse and mislead students. one Cannot attain an understanding of the UVSS financial status from the two inaccurate figures which were quoted.

1. **Increasing the executive director's salaries**: This is decision *made by the membership.* The increase affects the last month of this year's budget (Total cost to this year's budget amounts to approximately **$803.44** not **$9641.24**).

2.**Paying executive health**

# The Martlet

***Quote of the week:***
***"I just want to see his little trotters on the stage."***
***director Emma Thompson on why she wants the pig in Babe to win an Oscar.***

**•grumpy•**
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**dental**: The society will not commence paying for health and dental until May 1. (Total cost to this year's budget amounts to approximately **$238.24** not **$2858.88**)

3. **Paying directors at large honorariums for meeting:** This decision has not yet been made. The Board voted to ask students to discuss the issue. How does a discussion affect the budget?

4. **Closing SUB for February 7 national Day of Action**

5. **Paying rental fee on coffee equipment for Bridgehead**

(Issues four and five have yet to be resolved and have not been discussed by finance committee).

Mr. Flemington then writes about the Board and Executive's failure to listen to the Finance committee. According to the minutes of the Board, 94% of recommendations made by the Finance Committee have been followed.

I would like to ask Mr. Flemington, UVSS Director of Finance, to make an effort to accurately describe the Society's finance in the future.

Ana Torres
Member of the UVSS Finance Collective

## Protecting collective good

**Editors:**

We are being sold the doctrine that Government can no longer look after people, that it *shouldn't* look after people. This is a curious way of looking at Democracy. Democracy is, after all, people organizing to promote and protect the common good. Its primary purpose is to look after people; to balance everyone's interests. Yet we are told that we must privatize, that people should look after themselves. However, taking care of ourselves is not something that has to be done in the singular. There is no reason why we cannot look after ourselves by organizing and looking after each other.

This doctrine of dismantling government, is sold as more "efficient." Only private profit for private gain is "efficient," only it can make things "work." This is a bizarre claim, for eg. health care in Canada is run democratically through the government, (government is the *instrument* of democracy). This is far more efficient economically, and superior in terms of health standards than the private profit, pay or die brutality, of the U.S. system. Clearly some things are better run collectively.

However, the doctrine of minimal government, and by definition, minimal democracy does suit some. Those who have vast wealth resent people questioning their profits.

Bruce Gold

### Bridgehead, Oxfam are NGOs

**I am writing to demand that a correction be printed for a *Martlet* mistake in my February 8th "Student Voice" editorial. I brought the editorial to the Martlet office, and when the computers could not read my disk, one staff member took my printed copy of the article and said he would type it into the computer himself. (I had offered to do this, and now I sincerely wish that I had insisted). I suppose the mistake occurred during this retyping. The Martlet ran the following in my "Student Voice": "Bridgehead gives back to the producers any profits to help aid in local government" "government" read "development in the hard copy which I submitted. Such an error may seem infintisimal, but Oxfam and Bridgehead are strictly NON-GOVERNMENTAL organizations who do not support any governments. Furthermore, to insinuate that Bridgehead is funding the governments in coffee-producing countries is a horrifying error. Many of these governments are repressive right-wing military dictatorships. Bridgehead and Oxfam have now been associated with these types of governments thanks to your mistake. The ironic part of this mess is that I wrote the article because I was fed up with the misinformation and biased attitude of *the Martlet* over the coffee debate. My editorial did not have its intended purpose, thanks to your mistake.**
**I am therefore demanding that you print a correction, on the editorial page, surrounded by a box so that it will catch people's attention. I would like you to print the sentence as it should be, I would like an explanation that Bridgehead and Oxfam are non-governmental organizations who do not aid or abet ANY government, and I would like an apology to Oxfam for any inconvienence this error may have caused them.**

**If you no longer have the original hard copy of my editorial, and wish to verify that it is, indeed, YOUR mistake, I will be happy to provide you with a copy.**

**Heather Miksch**

*Editors note: When keying in Miksch's "Student Voice", I accidentally typed "government " instead of "development." The misprint was therefore MY MISTAKE. The correct statement reads: ...[Bridgehead] gives back to the producers any profits to help aid in local development..."*
*Apologies to Ms. Miksch, and to Oxfam and Bridgehead for any misrepresentation of their organizations. I can only promise greater vigilance in the future, and emphasize that the error was merely an accident, and not an act of sabotage intended to help perpetuate repressive right-wing regimes.*

*Jenny Manzer*

# Soapbox

## Keeners curb learning

**Every classroom has at least one. You know the ones I'm talking about. They arrive 15 minutes early, sit front-row centre and after class, they follow the prof back to his office. I won't repeat their high-school titles, but at the university level they're called keeners.**

**"Keeners because their frequent in-class outbursts are a sharp contrast from the silent majority. So who's a keener? The keener test involves but one question - does this student ask more questions and make more comments than the rest of the class put together? If you answered "yes" without thinking, you've got keeners.**

**Different? Yes, they're different. But in their own way keeners are just trying to get the most from the inflated tuition fees we all pay. They operate outside the classroom norm, and for this they should not be ostracized.**

**But trouble comes when instead of asking questions, keeners raise their hands to make lengthy statements or utter irrelevant comments. These speeches contribute nothing to class discussion. Often they're just empty attempts to show off their own knowledge. This grandstanding is more than an annoyance, it bogs lectures down, wastes class time and hinders the learning process for everyone. When these "I'm so smart" soliloquies aren't curtailed, valid discussion is stifled and students get less from their lectures.**

**I'm not advocating a gag -order. Discussion, debate and questions are all crucial components of interesting lectures. But before raising their hand, students should make sure they're asking a valid question or making a comment that contributes. If not, then shut up and let the rest of us learn. We're shelling out big bucks to hear the knowledge and opinions of the professors, not just other students.**

**So for the front-row keener in my Poli 300B class and yakkers like him, read this and next time, think before you speak. By shutting up you might learn something while allowing the rest of us to experience the education we've paid so dearly for.**

Andrew Lupton

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# Legal community denounces intimidation charges

by Stacey Young and Alex Felipe, The Varsity

TORONTO (CUP) — Some members of Ontario's legal community say the intimidation charges laid against four Toronto students for their part in a recent protest represent a government crackdown on dissent.

Peter Rosenthal, a University of Toronto mathematics professor and criminal lawyer who has represented numerous peace and social activists, says the use of this charge represents the Tory's attempt to stifle dissent.

"This government has taken a hard line against protest, and this is one more example," said Rosenthal.

**The atmosphere at Queen's Park has changed notably since the Conservatives were elected...all people wearing anti-Tory buttons are prevented from entering the legislature.**

Rosenthal says the atmosphere at Queen's Park has changed notably since the Conservatives were elected. For instance, he says, all people wearing anti-Tory buttons are prevented from entering the legislature.

Shiraz Rawat, 23, from Ryerson Polytechnical University and Charles Kernerman, 24, from U of T, Michelle Vladislavova, 18, from Central Technical School and 18-year-old Jesse Black Allen, from Western Technical School, were charged under Section 51 of the Criminal Code, with intending to "intimidate the legislature."

The students were also charged with breaking and entering and mischief. They were released on $1,000 bail.

In the Criminal Code, the intimidation charge follows "Acts intended to alarm Her Majesty or break public peace," and precedes sections concerned with "sabotage," "mutiny" and "desertion."

The charge carries a maximum sentence of 14 years imprisonment.

Lawyers acting for the students say this charge may be in violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights, which protects people's right to protest.

Howard Ruble, who is representing Vladisvlavova, says protest does not necessarily constitute intimidation.

"To intimidate versus protest are very different things. This section is more relevant to situations where there is a clear case of extortion, for instance, if someone threatens to blow up the legislature if a vote [doesn't go a certain way]," he said.

Lawyers add that it is unclear as to how to mount their defense, as the Crown has never successfully prosecuted an intimidation charge.

"We would have a better idea as to how to proceed if there was any case law," says Peter Hatch, defense lawyer for Rawat. "But there is absolutely nothing.

"We're not worried," he added. "I am just alarmed that the police laid the charge [in the first place]. Someone is using this archaic law to try to stifle dissent."

Though Roland Semprie, one of the two Metro police detectives responsible for laying the charge, says he could not say why the charge was laid, he maintains the decision was not made by the Attorney General's office.

"I laid the charge. The buck stops here," Semprie told reporters.

"There are a lot of laws that are not laid on a regular basis. But they are on the books."

Ruble, Hatch and friends of those arrested say the students are highly respected and have never had any previous contact with the police.

"[Rawat] is a very respected, peaceful person," said Ryerson politics chair Myer Siemiatycki of the third-year politics student.

"[The charges are] ridiculous and outrageous."

"He is an excellent student, very serious and conscientious in his studies and he really values his education," he said. "[I think] the reason he participated was to try to protect quality education in Ontario."

Rawat is a well-known student activist at Ryerson. Earlier this year he helped start up an alternative student council, the Ryerson Students Union, in opposition to the policies advocated by RyeSAC.

Ryerson's student council condemned the damage to the legislature.

"We don't believe in the use of violence to achieve political means," says Frank Cappadocia, an executive assistant at RyeSAC,

"This is a major setback to student governments in Ontario."

But according to the president of the U of T's student council, these charges carry a warning to students.

"I think what the government's doing is saying, 'Don't fuck with us because we will screw you to the max,'" said Marco Santaguida.

And Ian Silver, president of U of T's Arts and Science Students' Union said he thinks the police's heavy-handedness will backfire.

"I think [the police] are [trying] to intidate the student movement, rather than the students trying to intimidate the legislature.

"They are doing everything they can to try to forcefully silence any voice of opposition. But. . . I think the majority of people think [the charges] are ridiculous." ❑

# Tobacco ads focus on youth

by Samer Muscati

OTTAWA (CUP) — The advertisements are deceptively simple.

It's hard to believe someone is advertising a product that kills 40,000 Canadians a year. But they are.

Plastered in bus shelters, billboards, and magazines across Ontario and Quebec, the ads display an invitingly open cigarette pack being flanked by an electric and acoustic guitar. "Either you like it or you don't," reads the ad.

But not everyone likes the RJR-Macdonald Inc. ad, including federal health minister David Dingwall, and anti-tobacco activists who say the ads target minors.

"I'm rather pissed off at these manufacturers in terms of what they've done," Dingwall told reporters on Feb 21. "It seems to me that they've focused on young people."

Dingwall said he is considering introducing legislation to once again ban tobacco advertising.

In September the Supreme Court overturned key sections of the Canadian Tobacco Control Act which had banned tobacco advertising for seven years.

In December Canada's tobacco corporations developed a volunteer code of ethics to police itself and make sure minors are not targeted.

But anti-tobacco activists say the code is nothing more than a public relations gimmick.

"The ads are not designed for senior citizens," said Ken Kyle, director of public issues for the Canadian Cancer Society. "They're in it to make a profit and it will have an impact on kids."

Heather Selin, policy consultant for the Non-Smokers Rights Association, says that the ads were developed with the youth market in mind, and the locations picked were to maximize exposure to minors.

"They can't even adhere to their own code. It shows you how committed they are," said Selin.

"The ads are clearly youth-oriented. Youth strongly identify with rock music and rock culture," she said.

"The message they're giving is you're either in or out. They're challenging you to take a chance and be a rebellious young male or female."

Health groups are also concerned with ads in bus shelters since many minors use the transit system and would be exposed to them day in and day out.

"A very high percentage of regular frequent users are students," said Oxana Sawka, spokesperson for Ottawa's bus company, OC-Transpo.

The company ordered the two dozen cigarette ads removed from the bus shelters only 48 hours after they were put up. An advertising firm, acting on behalf of RJR-Macdonald Inc., did not realize the bus company had a long-standing policy of banning tobacco ads on its buses or shelters.

Meanwhile, RJR-Macdonald further violated their own code of ethics by placing an ad across the street from a school in Hull. The code strictly states that the ads shall not be placed within 200 metres of the entrance of any school.

Mary Trudelle, the spokesperson for RJR-Macdonald, said that it was an honest mistake.

"We're upset and very embarrassed about the whole incident," she said.

Trudelle says RJR-Macdonald is serious about maintaining the code and denies any targeting of minors. She says that the guitars in the ad represent different types of music, not specifically rock music.

But Jay House, the public affairs director for the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health, says that the companies are testing the boundaries to see how far they can go.

"It's not a coincidence that their ads appeal to youth. They have no choice but to recruit youngsters," said House. "Once you're addicted it doesn't matter whether you like it or not—you need it."

Kyle agrees and says if people do not start smoking before the age of 19, then the chances of getting addicted are drastically reduced. He says that the corporations need to get smokers hooked on smoking early to keep the industry viable since teenagers make up the biggest growth sector.

"They need to constantly attract a new market," said Kyle, "because they kill-off 40,000 of their best customers every year." ❑

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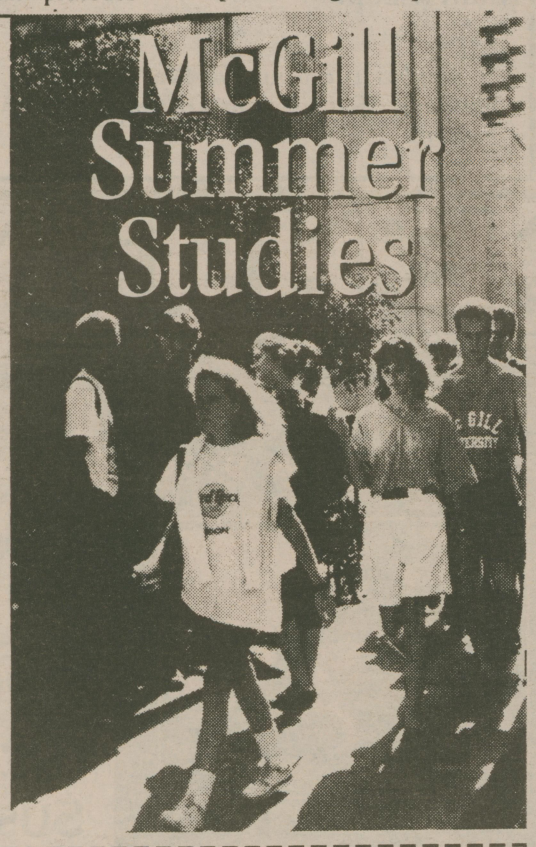


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# Students face fact and fiction in platforms

**by Kevin Woodley**

Campaigning for student elections has begun. And of course, candidates make more promises than anyone can remember. The standard promises include: funding of clubs and course councils, safety concerns on campus, recycling, making food points usable in the SUB, extending hours at the MacLab, and increasing scholarship funds from the UVSS.

Some farther-fetched ideas include filtered water in the SUB, providing residences with their own computer labs, and even the development of UVic varsity hockey and football teams to compete in the CIAU.

Unfortunately many are unaware of what the actual duties and responsibilities of our representatives are.

Students elect 15 members to the Board of Directors of the Students' Society, two students to the UVic Board of Governors and eleven to University of Senate.

Student interest in the UVSS may be the highest in years, but that did not translate into candidates for the University Senate, where all of the student representatives were acclaimed.

The Board of Directors (BoD) is the governing body of the University of Victoria Students' Society. It consists of a total of fifteen elected positions, four executive directors and eleven directors at large.

Controversy surrounding the activities of the 1995/96 board has increased interest in this year's election. There are 26 candidates for Director at large, four people running for Director of Services, three for Director of Finance, and two for both Director of Academics and Chairperson.

Each of the four executives are paid over $19,000 for a full time position. The eleven directors at large are volunteers. Here is a brief outline of what executives are supposed to be doing.

•The Director of Academics assists in Course Union activities, co-ordinates speakers and other academic programs and produces the professor/course evaluations.

•The Director of Finance prepares and administers the UVSS budget, helps oversee the SUB completion project and examines all contracts signed by the board.

•The Director of Services organizes Week of Welcome events and orientation, facilitates Clubs Council, acts as a liaison between unionized and non-unionized staff and helps oversee the SUB completion project.

•The Chairperson acts as spokesperson for the UVSS, communicates with UVic administration and government representatives, organizes the Grad Class Executive and Annual General Meetings.

•The eleven Directors at Large must attend weekly Student Society meetings and sit on at least two UVSS committees each.

Students also elect two members of the UVic Board of Governors (better known as the BoG). The positions are prestigious but unpaid.

The BoG is made up primarily of provincial government appointees. Despite this, the Board has authority over many aspects of student life, including important financial issues.

The two members voted onto the BoG by UVic students are the only student representatives. There are seven candidates for the positions available on the Board of Governors (BoG).

The University Senate is the body which regulates academic policy at UVic. Student representatives are voted in based on their faculty.

Voting takes place between March 12 and 14. This and next week's *Martlets* contain the election platforms of all candidates.

The CFS yes man Michael Gardiner paints a sign for the fee increase referendum.

Andrew Lupton photo

# Parents to replace professionals

**by George Pringle**

Four lower Island school boards are rushing to prepare amalgamation plans to meet a March 7th deadline imposed by Art Charbonneau, Minister of Education.

Charbonneau has set an immediate goal of a $2.7 million reduction in costs for next year and an anticipated further $4.5 million reduction the following year.

School District 61 held two consultation meetings February 20 and 22 to present two possible plans to the public. The attendance was sparse at the first meeting but the reaction was spirited.

"The quality of education is going to be seriously comprised." said Laura Acton, Victoria city councilor.

Currently there are about 42,000 students in the four districts, with 23,000 in Victoria. The new system would have to be in place for this September and elections for new school boards trustees are scheduled for November.

The first scenario presented by Superintendent Donna Michaels was to move to a decentralized system with a focus on site–based management. Management would work directly from schools and the cost savings would come from eliminating district level managers. Michaels estimated this scenario would not achieve the required reduction target.

The second scenario would divide the districts into "clusters" of about 3000 students. Each local community would elect a trustee on the district board. Management teams would be established for each cluster. This scenario would result in over ten million dollars in savings.

Trustees spoke out against both the hurried nature of the exercise and it's financial focus. Sandra Griffin pointed out that both scenarios assumed that parents volunteer more at their schools.

'We have to make sure that we aren't off loading responsibilities to parents and decrease their time with their children," said Griffin.

Trustee Isobel MacKenzie found the process useful "Initially the thrust was financial savings not educational reform," she said.. "In the process of coming to terms with amalgamation, we found they're not mutually exclusive."

With only the Green Party opposing the concept of amalgamation, it is unlikely that this process will be halted. The only question is the form the amalgamation will take.❑

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by Lesley Young

**Melissa Svendsen, a linguistics student at the University of Victoria, learns alongside the rest of the student body despite being dyslexic and dysgraphic (an inability to write with a pen). But she is not tested under the same conditions as her classmates. Svendsen must have certain accommodations.**

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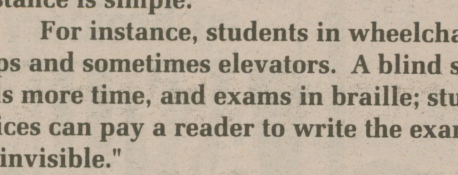
Svendsen needs a computer with a spell-check to write her exams, and extra time. "I had extreme, I mean really bad, exam anxiety. I would walk into an exam and immediately panic," says Svendsen.

Stress anxiety disorder as well as Svendsen's dyslexia and dysgraphia are learning disabilities (LDs). They are but a few of the diagnosed LDs that affect 30 students at UVic, and the number is increasing. Svendsen says she's been lucky over the past four years. Her needs have been met without resistance.

The UVic Committee on Issues Affecting Students with Disabilities has drafted a disability policy that provides a framework to deal with potential conflicts. The draft outlines procedures for assisting the disabled, including the learning disabled.

Says Svendsen, "My concern is that the policy is meant to work for the entire university. It's meant to click in where settlement between individuals cannot be worked out, so it's restrictive in practice." With the new UVic draft policy, conflict starts and ends between student and professor. Though UVic has never been taken to court by a student who was refused assistance, the threat looms.

Some staff at UVic are skeptical about who has LDs and who doesn't, and have expressed reservations about accommodation. Depending on the learning disability, the compensation, such as extra time for exams, could be recommended for every course a student takes.



There is little research or consensus from the medical community on legitimate diagnoses of some LDs, such as attention deficit disorder. According to UVic's draft policy, the university reviews medical documentation and decides whether to send the recommendations based on the student's needs to the professor.

"There is a place in the policy for the professor to disagree," says Dr. John Schofield, chairperson of the Committee on Issues Affecting Student's with Disabilities.

In fact, it seems the burden of hard-line decision making may be the professors' alone. They must decide whether a student's special needs compromise the accuracy of test scores or if compensation puts fellow classmates at a comparative disadvantage. And neither the university nor the professors are capable of distinguishing an 'alleged' learning disability from a legitimate one.

Svendsen says there are many more than the 30 registered learning-disabled students. "Learning disabilities tend to be more stigmatized, so people are less likely to be open about them. They have been socially conditioned to tough it out rather than ask for accommodation, even if grades suffer.... A fair number have never been diagnosed," Svendsen says. "Physical handicaps are easier to identify and assistance is simple."

For instance, students in wheelchairs need ramps and sometimes elevators. A blind student needs more time, and exams in braille; student services can pay a reader to write the exam. But LDs are "invisible."

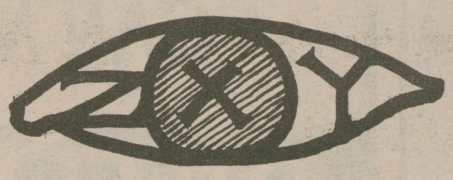
All registered disabled students at UVic must present documentation confirming their disabilities. There is a battery of tests that both psychologists and neurologists use to diagnose LDs. These include learning, language, spatial and visual comprehension, memory and IQ tests.

Yet research on the learning disabled is still in its infancy. Researchers cannot answer the sensitive question of what differentiates the learning disabled from low achievers, even when a student's performance is above average under altered-testing conditions.

Psychologists look for a discrepancy between achievement and intelligence when diagnosing LDs. Dr. Rosemary Moskal, a Victoria based psychologist, says some legitimate LDs include developmental arithmetic disorder, expressive writing disorder and developmental language disorder. She adds there are "soft" neurological signs, which specialists cannot put their finger on; that's why LDs are such a grey area.

Neurologist Dr.Wayne Shtybel treats adults with LDs. He says that psychological and neurological assessment often overlap, but the approaches to identify and diagnose can differ.

"Often they [LDs] are hard to pin down. There are clinical disorders and medical physical problems with quantifiable characteristics," says Shtybel, adding that we still do not know what causes LDs, and that he does not believe they are only psychological disorders.



The concern over legitimate diagnosis complicates the larger ethical issue of LDs; a learning disability may well interfere with a mental ability to do academic tasks. And, tinkering with testing conditions, substituting skills or giving extra time may just be quick remedies. By simply fulfilling its immediate legal obligations, the university spares itself from addressing the ethical dilemma.

"Add to the issue of legitimate accommodation, the concern of institutionalizing an unfair advantage, and you have a real dilemma," says Svendsen. "For example," she explains, "my inability to spell. There are arguments that that should count in English courses."

Dr. Elaine Lymbrick, the representative for Humanities on the issue of disabilities at UVic says accommodating LDs rarely poses a threat to the integrity of programs in the Humanities. "When someone is utterly unable to spell, it does not play such a serious role in Humanities," she explains.

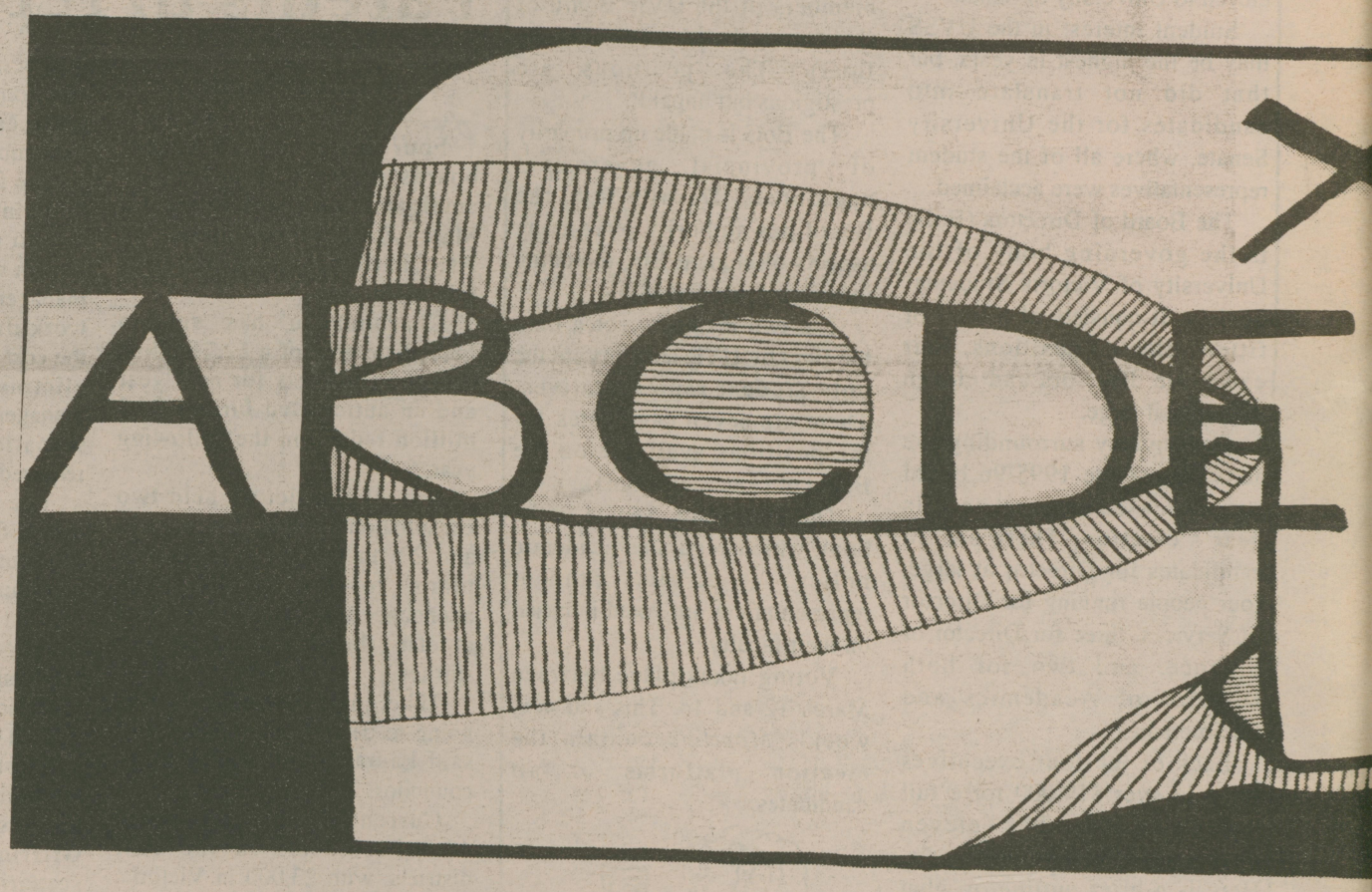
She says there are always alternatives. "I think any professor will bend over backwards to accommodate, to think of other ways to help the student, when it does not compromise the integrity of the course." Having conferred with department chairpeople, she says the needs of learning-disabled students in Humanities have been met willingly.

Assisting a learning-disabled student in math and the sciences may be more problematic. Sandra O'Connor, the science representative for disabilities at UVic says, "It is the Math and Chemistry departments who have had direct experience accommodating the learning disabled. Their concern, as a division of science, is to ensure appropriate documentation of the learning disabled."

Dr. Albert Hurd, a math professor at UVic who has a learning-disabled student in one of his classes, emphasizes that every professor just wants to teach. And they would be glad to work with any learning disabled student.

"Anyone can extend their abilities with training," says Hurd, "and I'd like to see us give a lot of help in the Learning and Teaching Center [on campus], but not by immediately changing conditions of exams."

Hurd adds that altering exams is not always

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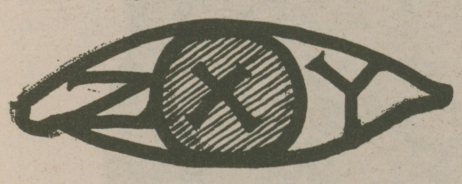


Changing testing conditions for one student may change the meaning of an exam score. Sometimes the process of attaining the answer is as important as the answer itself. Depending on the skills being measured, there is an assumption that unless everybody is tested under the same conditions, it is impossible to assess the meaning of a grade, and the integrity of the course is compromised.

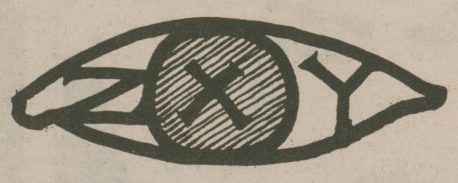
To avoid this, individual professors must decide, for each case, the purpose of a test, the skills they intend to measure and the final inference they wish to determine. None of these considerations are specified in UVic's draft policy.

Hurd suspects that the Office of Special Student Programs will rubber-stamp the documentation, shifting the onus of decision making onto professors. In the draft policy, the OSSP receives, reviews and either endorses or refuses a student's documentation.

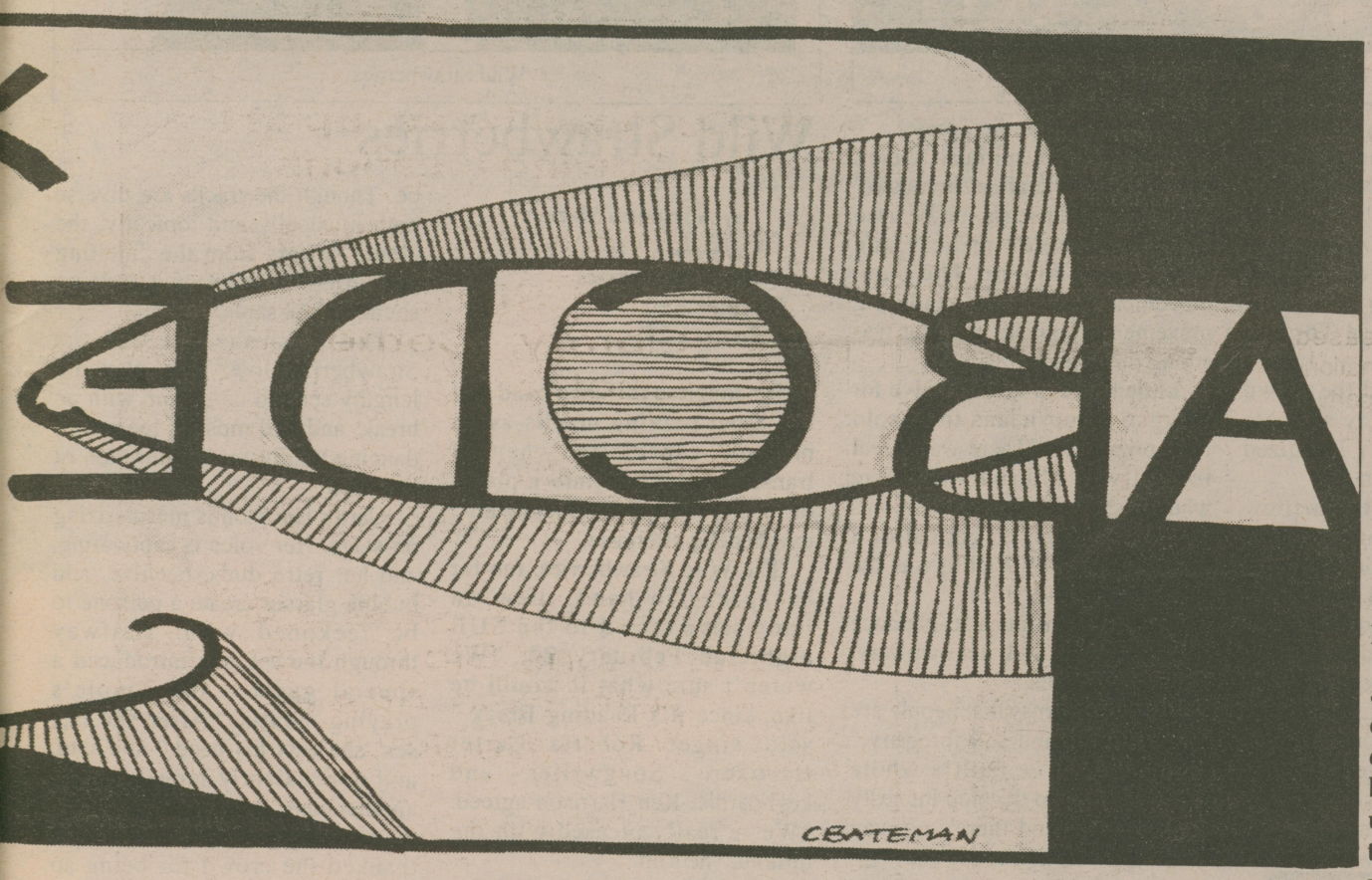
If endorsed, the staff from OSSP will "notify the instructor to ask that accommodation be provided." But documentation of the disability will not be released directly to instructors, chairpeople, directors or deans without written consent from the student.

The draft policy states that unless the chairperson and/or the dean of the faculty agree with the professor's refusal to accommodate, the recommendations will be granted. Both the student and professor will have the right to appeal the decision to the UVic Student with a Disability Appeal Committee, which has yet to be formed. The committee's decisions will be final.

Of course, either a student or a professor can take the conflict to a provincial court and sue the university. As the draft policy stands right now, procedures indicate that it is the professor's responsibility to justify his or her refusal to accommodate a learning-disabled student.



Post-secondary institutions are hastily writing or cleaning-up disability policies as the number of learning-disabled students increases. Potential lawsuits may be the impetus. Since Canada has no special-education legislation beyond grade 12, and few legal precedents on adult LDs, universities are referring to American case law and acts established within the past 20 to 30 years.




## g or cleaning-up policies that number of learning disabled Vic is no exception.

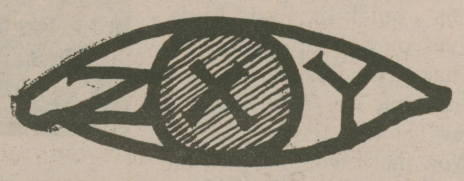
UBC has been taken to court by a learning-disabled student. Janet Mee, the advisor for the Disabilities Resource Center at UBC says that Canada relies on US acts and case law, such as the most recent, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990. Essentially, the act establishes that a student cannot be denied reasonable accommodation.

"The only role faculty plays in accommodating a student with a learning disability is to determine precisely what they are measuring in a course. And then they are legally obligated to justify why the accommodation would compromise the program.... A policy should state specifically what role faculty has."

Mee cites an instance of conflict at UBC: "A learning-disabled student in the music department had poor skills with abstract reasoning in theory class. The student wanted to exclude things he could not do well and write a paper instead. The faculty member articulated that being able to listen to and label a song were criteria of the course and he could not reasonably find another way to measure that skill." The student was denied the request.

"Most case law in the US is about such specifics involved in the individual cases, and in the US it is up to faculty to justify their position," Mee says. "Usually the university loses."

John Schofield says that UVic is "bound and determined to meet the legal obligations to provide services for students with disabilities." The draft, circulating among UVic faculties for review, will return to the committee for revision and then go before the Board of Governors or Senate to be voted on. Depending on how bound and determined the committee is to meet faculty concerns, the process could take more than a year.

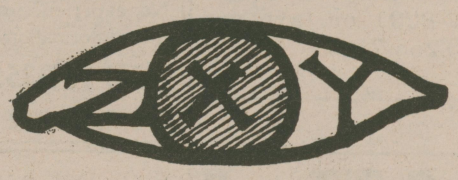


According to the university's draft policy, the documentation must include the specific needs of the student. It must "specify the 'area' of the learning disability" (for example, math), summarize and interpret test scores in the area of cognitive abilities, and specify the needs of the student, such as written board notes, or the need for course substitution.

"It seems to me to be fairly evident that the policy is somewhat one-sided," says Hurd. "Right now, the documentation is like a blank cheque. I'd like to see the psychologist or neurologist back up the documentation by explaining why the suggested accommodation is relevant to the student's particular learning disability, and show how the particular learning disability makes it difficult to function in a particular class."

According to the draft policy, psychologists and neurologists need only indicate broad needs that could be applied to any course. It is unclear if the doctors or experts must know the skills that need to be altered or substituted in every field of study at a university. If Hurd has his way, they will also have to justify their suggested accommodations, just as professors would have to justify their refusal.

They would have to explain, for example, why a math student with a verbal disorder needs extra time for exams, and why the verbal disorder makes it difficult for the student to function in a math class. "If there is some sort of balance like this in the policy then we can get lots of positive discussion going on," adds Hurd.



February 29 is disability awareness day, an ideal time for informed and positive public discussion. And the opportunity to grapple with the ethical dimensions of accommodating LDs should not be shirked.

Decisions reached at an appeals board could have implications for the whole student body. "They are setting guidelines to be used after conflicts arise," says Melissa Svendsen. "It is more like a constitution than a policy. Each word is being chosen carefully since those will be subject to interpretation at an appeals board."

For future conflicts, the university may find that impartial input eases the difficult task of hard-line decision making. ❑

Leslie Young is a Harvey Southam Co-op Writing student at UVic.

# Funky artists and fun-fur draw Reading Break crowd..

## Suzanne Little

by Adrienne Mercer

**Suzanne Little**
**Vertigo**
**February 23**

About five years ago, there was a Canadian band called Lava Hay- a folky, funky duo who looked liked sisters.

Lava Hay is long gone, but the image is still intact. Attractive blond women with long hair and beautiful voices get noticed, it seems. It is this prepackaged, external image that Suzanne Little wants to escape.

**"Music should be used as a vehicle for protest and innovative thought."**

"With Lava Hay, we had a great deal of integrity with what we did, yet people focused on our looks. I wanted to get beyond an image as a quick fix," said Little, who lives on Salt Spring Island. Little has just released her solo debut album, *Be Here Now*. "I decided for the artwork on *Be Here Now* that I wouldn't pick the 'best' picture of me, but the one that conveyed the best image," she said.

When Little opened for the Wild Strawberries on February 23, she conveyed the image of a talented and genuine artist, whose music is spirited and decidedly personal. *Be Here Now* is a compilation of Little's experiences with relationships, island life, motherhood, and the political nature that seems core to her being.

Suzanne Little

The track "Swept Away" was one of the first songs she played. It describes her gradual transformation from a Toronto person to an islander. "It just happened," Little told the crowd "I was overwhelmed by all these islanders, and one day I realized I'd become one of them."

Little introduced the mellow ballad "You" by saying, "It's hard to write about love without doing it in a million clichéd ways. This is about finding someone after all those years of wondering if it could ever really happen."

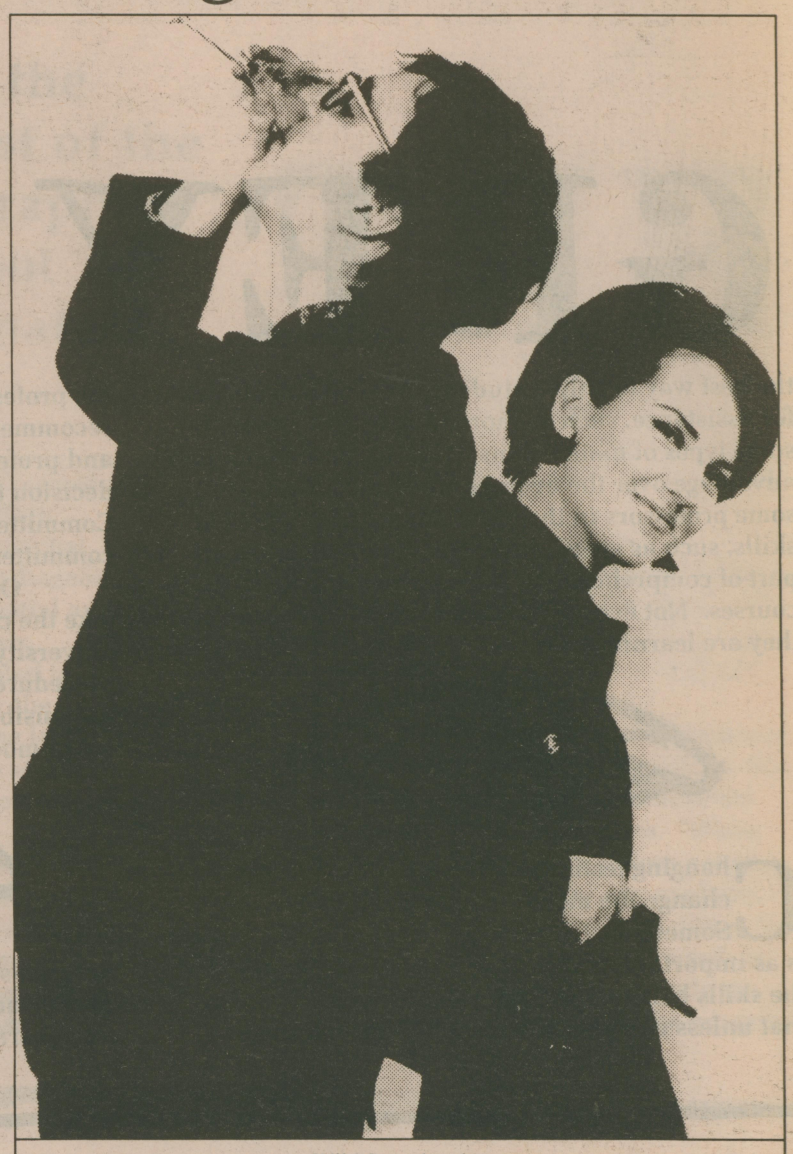
With "Tarantula," Little's voice takes on a sneering tone, naming the corporate/consumer tarantula as "the killer described as harmless." The song begins, "Watch as vicious war parties show no mercy for their prey."

"Political, cultural, spiritual...there's so much to write about in music," Little said. "Music should be used as a vehicle for protest and innovative thought. The punk movement was the last really big movement in music, and that was a long time ago."

Little thinks it is imperative for alternative musicians to uphold their principles. "There was a real integrity to alternative music when it started," she said. "It was the root of trying to get out of a space where Milli Vanilli was the pinnacle."

If Little continues to produce music, she will do it her own way, on her own terms.

"It's really gross that people are trying to buy and sell integrity," Little said. "I've built a whole lifetime trying to develop integrity in my music, and there's no way I'm going to compromise that." ❑



Wild Strawberries

## Wild Strawberries

by Adrienne Mercer

**Wild Strawberries**
**Vertigo**
**February 23**

It's tough to dislike a band that has a pet praying mantis as its mascot, especially when it transforms Vertigo into a planet of lime-green space critters with a psychedelic aftertaste.

The Wild Strawberries, fun-fur backpacks in hand, drew an impressive crowd to the SUB nightclub February 23. "We weren't sure what it would be like, since it's Reading Break," said singer Roberta Carter Harrison. Songwriter and keyboardist Ken Harrison agreed. "We're really pleased with the turnout," he said.

The couple co-founded the band six years ago, after both became frustrated with their careers. Harrison is a doctor, Carter Harrison a physiotherapist. "We needed to do something different," said Harrison. The band is named for the 1957 Ingmar Bergman film about a doctor nearing retirement who is disillusioned about his life and career.

Carter Harrison said her patients like having a singer as a doctor, but few of them come to her shows. "I work in a nursing home, and most of the people there don't get out much," she said.

Harrison said he tries not to tell his patients about the band. "They think he looks weird though. They know something's up," Carter Harrison said.

The band is on tour with Salt Spring Island artist Suzannne Little to promote *Heroine*, their first album on the Nettwerk label. Little, also signed with Nettwerk, just released her first solo album, *Be Here Now*.

*Heroine* is a fairly good album, but the Strawberries' quirkiness is not conveyed as well as it could be. Though the tracks are diverse both musically and topically, the album suffers from the "melting pot" effect — a lot of it ends up sounding the same.

This is not the case with the Strawberries live. They played a lengthy set and an encore with no break, and had most of the crowd dancing wildly for the duration of the show.

Carter Harrison is mesmerizing on-stage. Her voice is captivating, and her retro duds, beehive, and bubble glasses create a persona to be reckoned with. Halfway through the set, she introduced a special guest – the couple's praying mantis. "After she has sex, she eats his head," she said, and nonchalantly launched into another song.

At one point, Carter Harrison thanked the crowd for being so appreciative. "This reminds me of my university days," she shouted. "First I did 'em, then I did 'em in."

The Wild Strawberries' lyrics are multi-layered and thoughtful. "Fall" relates relationships, blood types, and the virgin Mary. "Everything That Rises," a song about prejudice, is a tribute to the Flannery O'Connor short story, "Everything That Rises Must Converge".

The crowd's verdict on the Wild Strawberries show was apparent at the end of the night – fans kept dancing even after the encore ended and the band returned to the stage to pack up their gear. Many sported brand-new Wild Strawberries T-shirts or fuzzy backpacks, and carried signed CDs.

The verdict on the album is not so cut and dried. It isn't as exuberant or varied as a live performance, and the funkiness of the Strawberries themselves is not readily apparent. The best advice is to buy the album, play it loud, one or two tracks at a time, and catch the band next time they come to town. ❑

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# Highway bringing Native beliefs back to daily life

by Kim Yee

**Tomson Highway**
**David Lam Auditorium**
**February 2**

Tomson Highway is one of Canada's foremost Aboriginal writers. His works include *The Rez Sisters* and *Dry Lips*, plays that reflect his experiences growing up on a reserve in northeastern Saskatchewan.

**"It will not be a pretty future in which TVs with 500 channels raise our children."**

Highway is an honest and illuminating speaker. Early this month he spoke of his family life, a mixture of happiness and sadness. Highway was the second youngest of 12 children, eight of whom have died.

Highway's childhood was spent living a nomadic lifestyle in remote areas of Manitoba. His first language is Cree; it was not until he was sent to a Roman Catholic boarding school that he learned English. In 1976 he graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Highway captivated the audience with a discussion about the differences between Christianity and North American Indian mythology. Unlike the Christian god, Weesageechak, an important figure in Native mythology, can be either female, male or neuter.

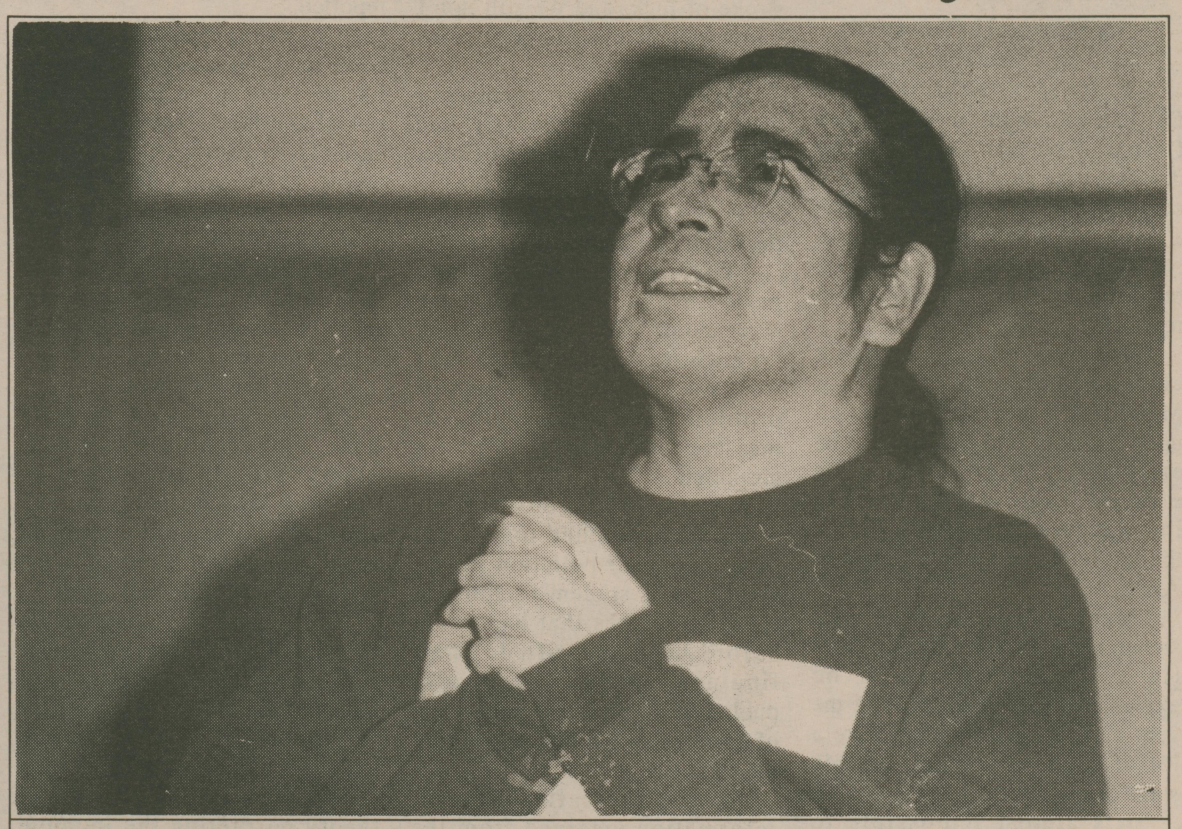
Highway's lecture explained the impact of colonization on the very fabric of Aboriginals' existence. In a patriarchal society, the tendency for power and control has lead to a cycle of violence and abuse. In the native cultures where Weesageechak is a woman there is a kinder, gentler society, and people are brought closer to nature.

Highway said neither system is perfect, but he and other Aboriginal artists are working toward a "new culture," a culture where the beliefs that held ancient Native society together are brought back into use.

Highway's lecture also covered topics such as environmental issues, and the possibility of toning down the materialistic nature of our society. "It will not be a pretty future in which TVs with 500 channels raise our children," he said.

Highway concluded his talk with references to the women's movement, and how it has aided Aboriginals in their struggle against discrimination and oppression. He ended the night with a delightful piano performance.

Tomson Highway is a candid speaker with a refreshing sense of humour. He remains an inspiration to other rising Aboriginal artists. ❑



Tomson Highway evokes old ways at David Lam Auditorium

Anna King photo

# Perfume Tree impossible to define

by Teresa McWhirter

**Perfume Tree**
**Vertigo**
**February 21**

The music transcended the beer, the gymnasium-like setting and the small pockets of bewildered heathens who were moved to a faraway place by haunting vocals, samples and slick melodic beats.

Anyone who caught Perfume Tree at Vertigo last Wednesday night came away a better person. The trio happen to be one of the best musical acts in the city.

Notoriously publicity shy, the band – Pete (guitar), Jane (vocals, guitar) and Mel (bass) – have put out three albums and two CD eps in their five-year collaboration. A lifetime away is their latest release, put out last spring by Zulu records.

It practically took a gun held to his head, but Pete managed to commit to a definition of Perfume Tree: an "ambient groove punk dub." No easy defining feat considering their music is a funky mix of floating vocals, slow beats and distorted guitar.

It is truly a statement of the musical prowess of a band that they can immediately transport an audience into their world, one of gothic sensibilities and self-effacing sorrow, distorted and layered with controlled tricky beats. Just when you think you've figured it out, Perfume Tree throws in a frantic melody or a syrupy sexy groove.

Jane has an astounding voice, an instrument of considerable power and control. There is an aching quality to her voice that sounds very much like Portishead's Beth Gibbons: a paradox of strength and sorrow, wispy arias and untapped steel.

Perfume Tree created their own psychedelia through various monitors set up on stage. Bill Mullan, a Vancouver video artist and fourth band member played loops of recorded images as eclectic as the music itself. Through flashed images of baby dolls, flowers, bombs, explosions, even clips of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, it was somehow possible to make connections between the visual stimulation and sound – connections that reverberated long after the show ended.

And this is the true essence of Perfume Tree, and why they are such an amazing band to see live: the joy, pain, hopelessness and bliss of every day is celebrated, distorted and reborn. Their music is as nebulous and impossible to define as the entity called God. ❑

# Finding a good job is no easy task

by Lucas Aykroyd

***Making It Work***
**by Marilyn Van Norman**
**Raincoast Books**
**1995**

"Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness," wrote Thomas Carlyle in 1843. Few are as blessed as this in the 1990s.

Even for the university-educated, finding a job is no easy task. Finding a good job is harder still. Just ask the Sociology Ph.D whose main research question is "Would you like fries with that?" or the English Honours student whose summer gift to literature is dressing up as a Beefeater for the Charles Dickens Pub.

Marilyn Van Norman's new book *Making It Work* might make the search for a good job easier.

Subtitled "Career Management for the New Workplace," the book analyzes today's rapidly changing job market in succinct detail. Sure, it uses the usual buzzwords: "globalization," "transferable skills," "networking." But this 135-page guide also explores the realities behind these abstract terms.

As the University of Toronto's Director of Career Services, Van Norman has ample resources to exploit. Instead of using fake résumés as examples (such as the John Smith of Hoboken, New Jersey" variety), she cites those of graduates who actually got jobs.

Point-form synopses of key skills are enhanced by list-making exercises that help readers focus their own talents.

*Making It Work* goes beyond outlining strategies for cover letters and interviews. It gives hints on how to behave once you're employed. And its budget-planning suggestions can be applied by anyone.

**"Would you like fries with that?"**

A bibliography of other job guides rounds out this exceptionally practical book, which was sponsored by the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers.

Well written for the most part, the text is marred by occasional typos, with one phrase apparently taken from *The Stripper's Guide to Employment:* "The new workplace bares little resemblance to the one your parents and grandparents knew." And be careful about touting your "comunication" skills.❑

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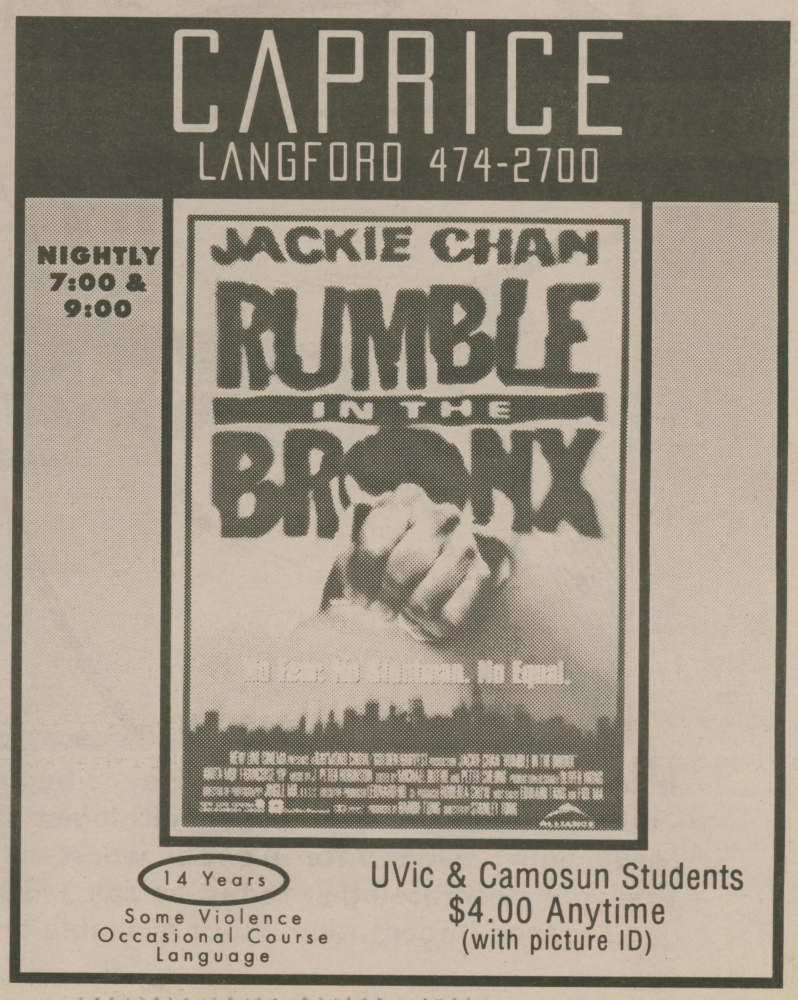


# Break in HIV/AIDS research is a fortunate fluke

**by Seamus Heffernan**

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) – Dr. Paris Georghiou will be the first one to tell you that the discovery he made concerning a possible anti-HIV compound was a fluke, but if it eventually works out it could be one of the biggest breaks in the history of HIV/AIDS research.

Geourghiou, an organic chemist and a professor at Memorial University, stumbled upon a compound that has, in its early stages, been shown to be effective against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the retrovirus commonly linked to AIDS.

"Many compounds have been shown to be effective against HIV [in a lab environment]," he explained. "Our research is at the very early stages, and there are a lot of such compounds at this stage of discovery."

"It's almost impossible to predict... what kind of reaction a compound will have on something else in drug discovery. A 'hit' can be pure fluke. Look at aspirin. A stroke of luck, and we still don't know how it has the properties that it does."

AIDS research is no stranger to luck, both bad and good. Dr. Luc Montegnier and Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverers of HIV, readily admit that isolating the virus was the result of a break.

"The combinations and permutations possible are horrendous," Geourghiou agreed. "A graduate student of mine and I were working on a very applied problem. We were trying to measure formaldehyde in indoor air pollution."

In trying to help 80,000 home owners who wanted to monitor their indoor air pollution safely, Georghiou's student established some structures that had never before been identified. Their findings were eventually published in the Canadian Journal of Chemistry, and that was almost the end of it.

Shortly thereafter, though, information emerged from the Sixth International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, in which some new therapeutic agents against HIV were being reported.

"One of the structures that had been reported looked amazingly like the compounds that had come out of the formaldehyde work," said Georghiou. "I thought, 'Wow. Is this worth testing? Are these molecules worth evaluating?'"

They had them tested by a drug firm in Montreal, and what they initially thought would be active against the virus was not.

Others, however, were.

"There were no live tests done," Georghiou cautioned. "These are all carried out in research labs by studying the effect of a certain test compound on an enzyme that is related to the virology cycle of the HIV virus."

The similar compounds showed surprisingly high anti-HIV protease activity and inhibited the reverse transcriptase enzyme of HIV, which is also key to the cycle of the HIV virus' life.

HIV binds to human T-cells, in theory corrupting the immune system.

"If you can block the binding," Geourghiou said, "then you can effectively block the virus from getting in. Once the enzyme gets in, it then uses reverse transcriptase to replicate its RNA into DNA, which then goes into the nucleus and replicates itself.... Our compounds were effective against this enzyme. In other words, it blocks the cell from reproducing the virus."

An organism's genetic information, or its genome, is typically comprised of DNA. The information stored in the genome is used to make protein, via an intermediate store of information known as RNA. This intermediate is made through a process known as transcription. In most cases, DNA cannot be made from RNA.

Retroviruses are the exception to this. Their genome is made up of RNA. However to replicate, and thus make more viruses, RNA must be converted to DNA. To accomplish this, a unique enzyme known as reverse transcriptase is required.

Georghiou's research is not seen as a vaccine approach, but rather as a therapeutic one to people already infected.

"One of the difficulties here was finding a partner to do the testing," he said. Memorial is not equipped to carry out research on HIV and Georghiou is disappointed, although he always sees himself as a teacher first, and not a researcher.

Despite only seeing "the tip of the iceberg," as he called it, Georghiou's findings earned him national attention, and he is still feeling the glare of the spotlight.

"There is an urgency to tie all the pieces together, get the chemistry right, get the funding," he said.

"There's an awful lot of running around with all of this, and it's not even my primary function at [Memorial]. We try to give new bullets to a researcher's gun, and we try to provide as many varied bullets as possible for them."

Dr. Georghiou, despite constantly pointing out the earliness of his research and the need for caution, is still optimistic.

"Hopefully, we'll have an update in eight to 10 months," he said. ❑

# Beef consumption is not the cause of disappearing forests

**by Mike Chilton**

Those who choose not to eat meat, particularly beef, merely because they feel raising livestock harms environment such as the rainforest, are in for a shock; the destruction of rainforests in South and Central America mainly result from government greed and politics.

A study by a team of agricultural economists at Guelph University think they have severed the storied link which was always thought to exist between cattle-raising in the areas and the sudden disappearance of surrounding vegetation and trees.

"If there is a link between rainforest depletion and beef consumption in North America, it is an extremely flimsy one," said Glen Fox, who headed up the research team. "If someone has a desire to do something to protect the rainforest, there are better ways than cutting beef consumption."

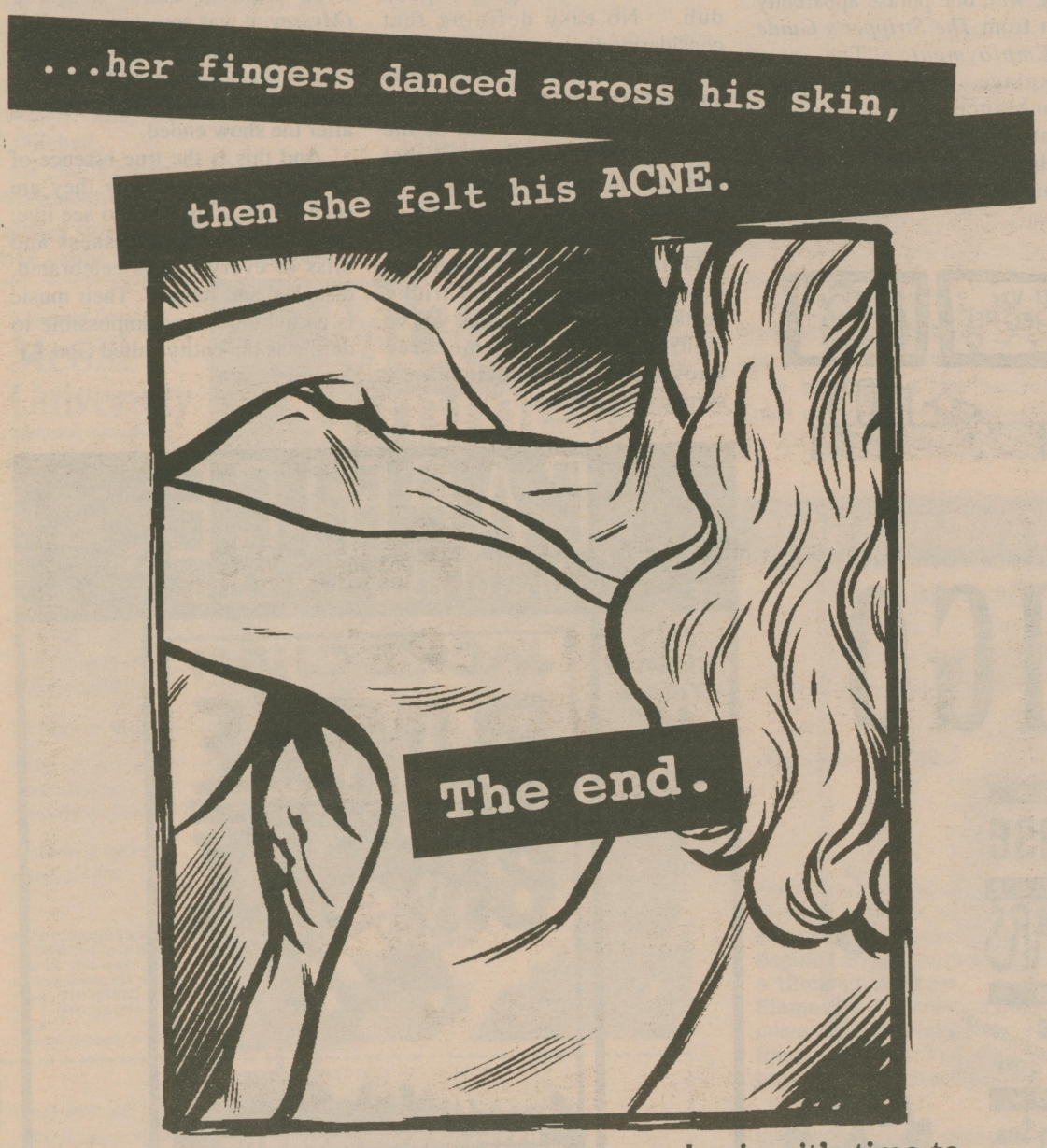
Fox explained the recently concluded study, which had been carried on for an extended period of a few years, shows that government subsidies are destroying the rainforests.

The proof supporting this is that homeowners in South and Central America paid higher taxes if they did not develop their land, and when they did decide to build on it, the interest rates were negative. There was nothing but incentive to mow down green areas and build on them.

Fox's study examined two periods between 1970 to 1980 and 1980 to 1990, and found that while cattle production and exports to North America has been decreasing (only 2.6 per cent of beef consumed in Canada is imported from South and Central America today), rainforest destruction has remained constant or has only decreased slightly.

The reason these governments in South and Central America provide incentive to destroy rainforests is most likely to attract foreign homebuilders and investors, thereby, in theory, making these areas' economies stronger.

In concluding that the South and Central American practice of government-induced tree-slashing is the root of the problem and not the area's cattle industry, Fox suggested contributing to the World Wildlife Fund's efforts to buy rainforest and create wilderness reserves. Writing to the Brazilian government (the worst offender) or to Canadian trade officials who deal with South or Central America, would be another immediately attainable remedy. ❑



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## Fun science facts

**by Craig Lloyd**

Welcome to the extra special leap year edition of fun science facts. This is the first fun science facts to fall on a leap year, and who am I kidding, probably the last. Since we all know why there is a leap year (the reason being that the tropical year is approximately 365.25 mean solar days in length, thus 1 extra day every four years), I'll go on to the first question.

Dear fun science facts,

What is the deal with the average Canadian's obsession with the new-found pastime of 'toonie' bashing? I mean what is the deal here?

*profoundly preplexed pennywise person*

Dear profoundly,

I too, am wondering about this strange new hobby. Extensive research has shown that the recent pogs craze has gripped the Canadian populous so much that they can't stop playing pogs. The only problem is that the *Martlet* staff has collected all of the remaining supply of pogs, and all of the slammers. The recent introduction of the 'toonie' has given Canadians a suitable substitute to the slammer. Because they have no pogs, the 'toonie' is thrown directly at the ground, therefore satisfying the pog addiction. And thus this new craze of defacing Canadian currency can be accounted for. I mean, it's not hard to destroy the current two dollar note. I have yet to see one withstand a blow torch and lighter fluid.

Well, that is all for fun science facts this week. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at **clloyd@uvaix.uvic.ca**, and I will try to answer your questions. I'm still trying to answer the backlog, so be patient. That is all.

# Vikes women take it to the hoop in Can West semis

by Mike Chilton

The UVic Vikes women's basketball team took another large, yet effortless step towards the CIAU finals in Laval, Quebec by sweeping the UBC Thunderbirds in the Canada West semi-finals.

In the February 23 match, the Vikes pounded the T-Birds by an unprecedented 95-48 margin. Once again, free throws and the transition game were the Vikes strengths, as the T-Birds were totally dominated on both sides of the court.

**Once again, free throws and the transition game were the Vikes strengths...**

Lisa Bright gets ready to storm the high post as she drives hard against two UBC defenders.

Andrew Lupton photo

It was a balanced attack for the Vikes as every player recorded points in the game. Top scorer for the Vikes were red-hot guard Lisa Koop, with a game-high 22 points, which was accompanied by an 82 per cent free throw percentage (nine for 11) and 71 per cent from the field (five for seven). High post Audrey Dennison netted 21 points, including 80 per cent from the charity stripe (four for five) and five assists and defensive boards.

Forward Rachel Sexton added onto the even Vikes attack as the third of five Vikes players in double-digit scoring (Cindy Mavety and Lisa Bright had 10 apiece). Mavety had 12 points along with 78 per cent from the line (seven for nine).

Only one T-Birds player cracked double-digits in scoring as guard Trixie Cruz drained eleven points to lead the flat UBC attack.

On Saturday, the Vikes ended the T-Birds season with a 75-46 drubbing which proved that Friday's win was not a fluke.

It was another relatively even attack for the Vikes as Koop tallied 19 points and seven assists while fifth-year guard Kerri-Anne Butterworth, who will say goodbye to the Vikes, after what has been an exceptional season for her, recorded 14 points of her own, including seven for nine from inside the circle.

The top UBC scorer was Cruz. Once again, she was the only T-Bird to put up double-digits with 11 points.

It was well foreshadowed that the Vikes would not give up the semi-final to UBC without a fight, as the previous week's regular-season action saw the Vikes play strong against the T-Birds in their sweep of their home-and-home series on February 15 and 17 respectively.

In the UVic portion of the home-and-home on February 15, final year Vikes players Butterworth and Dennison were honoured with a ceremony at game's end.

**It was well foreshadowed that the Vikes would not give up the semi-final to UBC without a fight...**

Because the women Vikes took the court on Friday as the Can West women's first place team, they will remain the homecourt host for the best-of-three Can West finals against the Calgary Dinosaurs. The finals begin tonight and will go through until Saturday, if a third game is necessary. Tip-offs for the best-of-three finals will be at 7 pm on Thursday and Friday and 2 pm on Saturday.

# Men Vikes' season ends due to sweep by Bears

by Mike Chilton

For all intents and purposes, the Vikes men's basketball team's season ended last Sunday on the University of Alberta's hardcourt with a heartbreaking 78-65 loss to the U of A Golden Bears.

The win by the Golden Bears put the finishing touch on their Canada West semi-final sweep, as they also blew away the Vikes by a 96-68 score on Saturday.

Their defeat at the hands of the University of Alberta squad ground the Vikes drive to the CIAU championship to a halt.

The Vikes, ranked sixth nationally, have virtually no shot at the lone Can West wild card spot because both UBC and U of Alberta have higher national rankings.

Whichever one of these two teams loses the semi-final this weekend will most likely move on to the CIAUs in Halifax in the Can West wild card spot, making the UBC/U of A final a mere technicality.

In Saturday's match, the Vikes top scorer was Chris McClean with 18 points and eight for nine from the field. Greg Meldrum followed that up with 15 of his own, including six total rebounds. That still wasn't enough as the Golden Bears had a strong all-around attack, which included 29 points from Mark Cunningham and 12 points and 11 assists from Peter Knechtel.

On Sunday, the Bears landslide victory saw a more potent Bears offense in the form of 31 and 25 points from Greg DeVries and Greg Sale respectively, with DeVries draining a perfect seven for seven from the charity stripe. The Vikes top scorers were Pat Cannon and Jeff Bevington with only 14 points each.

The losses were probably not exactly the note that fifth-year players Meldrum, Bevington, Andy Wilmott and Shawn King wanted to end their varsity careers on, even though they each enjoyed successful CIAU careers.

Those four players were honored in a half-time ceremony during the Thursday, February 15 90-78 loss against the UBC Thunderirds at McKinnon Gym.

# Conan and Cronin wear bronze

by Miko Ross

UVic fencers parried, lunged and flèched their way to some impressive finishes at this year's Stephan Lazar Memorial tournament at the University of British Columbia.

The event, which was hosted by the UBC Fencing Club on February 23 and 24, included both men's and women's foil and épée.

Top UVic finishers were Conan Phelan and Claire Cronin, who captured three bronze medals between the two of them. Phelan finished third in men's foil – a particularly impressive result considering there were 40 men competing in the event.

Cronin's final standings were also outstanding. She came in third place in women's foil and épée.

Although Cronin is a modern pentathalete and is familiar with épée, this was the first time she had fenced foil in competition.

Cronin is now preparing for a modern pentathalon world cup qualifying tournament in San Antonio, Texas.

UVic fencer David Meers finished with a disappointing 10th place in men's foil. Meers is usually one of the top finishers in local tournaments.

Other Uvic fencers competing in the tournament were Joanna Kleyn who placed fifth in women's foil, Edward Chapin and Brian Budenski who placed 16th and 17th respectively in men's foil.

The tournament itself was a success with nearly 20 fencing clubs participating, some of them from as far away as Smithers, BC and Portland, Oregon.

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# Calgary's Bohne: best player to ever don a Dinos jersey?

by Kevin Woodley

As a fifth-year guard for the University of Calgary Dinosaurs basketball team, Richard Bohne has consistently left those who watch him shaking their heads.

His spectacular 45-point performance on the night of Saturday, February 10 against the Vikes was no exception.

At times he seemed unstoppable: going six for 13 from two-point range, 12 for 15 from the free-throw line, and an unbelievable seven for 10 from outside the three point arc.

His performance broke the previous Dino record of 39 points, a mark which had stood since 1986. There are several other CIAU basketball records attached to Richard's name, further proof of his often-dominating presence over the past five years.

His success in the 1994-95 season placed Richard on the CIAU first all-star team. No wonder – he averaged 34.2 points per game and his 684 total points still stand as the most ever by a Canadian university player.

These numbers, combined with 83.3 per cent free-throw shooting earned Bohne the honour of being named the Canada West Player of the Year.

Love for the game of basketball came early for Richard. Growing up in the small town of Raymond, Alberta (population 3,300), he was able to watch the successful hometown high school team compete.

Despite averaging less than 300 students a year, the high school competes in division 4A against the largest schools in Alberta. Since 1960, the town, composed mostly of the descendants of Mormon settlers from Utah, has won seven provincial titles (more than any other Alberta school).

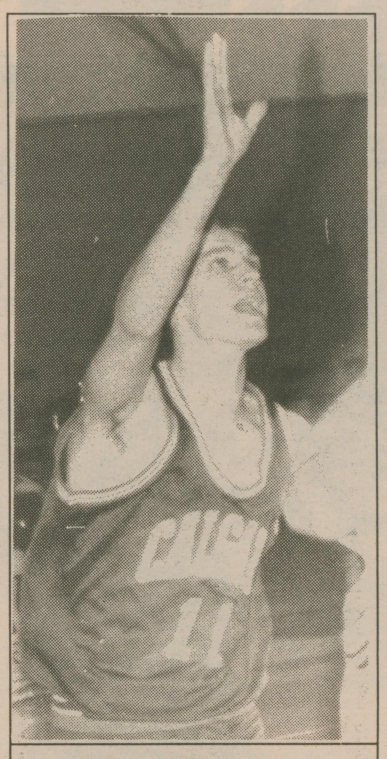
Like all youngsters in Raymond, Richard dreamed of playing high school ball for the Comets. As members of the team, he and his team mates were subject to high expectations.

With these expectations Richard also found support. "The competitive nature of the town makes you perform at a level that probably exceeds your ability. Playing there was wonderful, having the support of not only the family, but the community also."

The experiences as a Comet made the adjustment to university ball easier for Richard, but he credits his success mostly to his father, George Bohne.

"He is the one that really got me motivated to play Basketball and has given me the most support over the extended years," said Bohne.

As the high school's principal, George exposed his son to basketball at an early age. As a toddler, Richard became comfortable in the large crowds that gathered for the Comet home games.



Bohne has been a force in his five years of play in the Canada West.

Andrew Lupton photo

He was used to crowds by his first year in Calgary and it helped him to step up and deliver the shot that would send his Dinos into the national tournament in 1992.

That half-court shot defeated UVic and was a highlight that Richard says he will never forget. "It was a wonderful experience to go to the national tournament and play at that caliber."

Four years later, Bohne continues to lead the Canada West standings with a 32.2 point per game average. His contributions, however, go well beyond his ability to score.

**"He has been a great guy for Canadian ball and for our conference."**
**Vikes coach Guy Vetrie**

"He is a great competitor," said Dinos coach Cory Russell, who is in his first year of coaching the Dinos. "You're lucky if you get two guys like Richard in a twenty or thirty year career."

Victoria's coach Guy Vetrie agreed. "He has been a great guy for Canadian ball and for our conference."

Vikes player Andy Wilmott has played against Bohne for five years. "It is hard to check him because he's talented, he's good off the dribble, and he can shoot the ball. Guarding him is probably the biggest challenge anyone can face in our country."

With only one semester left towards his psychology degree, Bohne is starting to look towards the future. He is weighing options from a few leagues in Europe and Australia. His intentions are to perhaps play a few years under contract overseas and then return to Calgary to attend graduate school.

Richard says that he will miss the companionship of his teammates, and, specifically, the good times they shared playing on the road.

Unfortunately, the Richard Bohne story in the CIAU will be epilogued by the fact that Bohne did not make it to the CIAUs in his final year, as his Dinos were swept in the semi-finals last week to the UBC T-Birds in a pair of barn burner finishes: a 102-96 loss on Saturday in which Bohne tallied 42 points and an awesome 143-133 defeat on Sunday, after a double-overtime war, in which he broke his own record with a 46 point 11 assist effort before fouling out.

Even in certain defeat, Bohne adds to his own legend.

Lisa Koop airs out the jump-shot from long range. To get all the gory details on the Vikes semi-final sweep against the UBC T-Birds last weekend, see the story on page 13.

Andrew Lupton photo

# Sports notes

by Mike Chilton

SOCCER

The Vikes men's soccer team recently completed a 10 day, 4 game road trip against NCAA division one teams.

The men's road stint began on Saturday, February 17, in Los Angeles against Hibernian, a strong house team in that city. The Vikes defeated Hibernian 2-1 with Ian Carrol and Dean Anderson scoring the Vikes goals.

The next game was on Tuesday, against the U of San Diego on their campus. The Vikes took the match 3-2 with Brent Garraway scoring two markers and J.J. Atterbury scoring the third.

Two days later in LA, the Vikes took on Cal Irvine in to a 1-all draw. Carrol scored the lone Vikes tally.

Finally, last Saturday, February 24, the Vikes went back to San Diego and went toe-to-toe with their toughest opponent on the trip, the NCAAs 10th-ranked U of San Diego, and despite missing Carrol and Jody Lyle to injury, pulled out a 1-1 tie thanks to Simon Vickers' goal.

Men's coach Bruce Wilson was happy with his team's showing in the road trip. "We wrapped up a good road trip.... It showed that we can compete with any team in the US college circuit."

Future action for the men will begin on March 16 in Vancouver as they take on the Canadian Under-20 team and will continue here on March 23 and 24 with the Spring Cup, in which they will play in a pool which includes UBC, SFU and Seattle Pacific.

Meanwhile, the women Vikes were on a similar tour as they took on a three-game, six day tour of NCAA teams.

Day one was Tuesday, February 19 against San Diego State, who were last year's western conference champs. The Vikes fell short in a 1-0 loss.

The next day's game was called off due to flooding and postponed to that Friday. This game turned out to be a 1-0 win for the Vikes, a win which coach Ian Bridge called "a good win against a truly physical, maybe even dirty, team." Christy Cunningham scored the Vikes winning goal in the 35th minute.

Finally, the Vikes tough road trip ended off on Saturday, February 24 in San Diego against USD, where the Vikes took a hard 3-0 blanking.

"It hurt us playing the day before.... We were flat," said Bridge of the loss.

The women Vikes' next and final action of the season will also be the Spring Cup on the March 23 weekend, in which their pool will include Seattle U, UBC and the Vancouver Island Women Selects.

SWIMMIING

The CIAU Championships took place in Guelph from Friday through Sunday, February 23-25, and UVic competitors had a respectable outing, with the women medalling every day of the three-day competition.

On the first day of competition, the UVic swimmers who medalled included Christin Petelski, who took gold in the 100 metre breaststroke at a time of 1:11.35, beating out 1992 Olympic team member Natalie Coiguere, who finished with a time of 1:11.45.

Last year's UVic female rookie-of-the-year, Allison Barriscale, and rookie Suzanne Weckend finished one-two in the 400 metre individual medley – Barriscale at a time of 4:51.61 and Weckend at a time of 4:53.21.

Day two of competition saw rookie Jeremy Jaud emerge victorious in the 200 metre breaststroke with a winning time of 2:18.00.

Women medallists on this day were Weckend and Petelski with second-place finishes in 100 metre backstroke (1:03.85) and 200 metre breaststroke (2:31.95) respectively. Barriscale followed up her gold-medal performance with a bronze in the 200 metre butterfly.

The third and final day of the CIAU competition, Weckend took 2 silvers in the 200 metre backstroke (2:14.22) and as lead of the four by 100 metre relay team (in a time of 1:04.18) which took the silver. Barriscale took a bronze in the 200 metre backstroke behind Weckend (2:16.17) and swam the butterfly leg of the four by 100 in a time of 1:02.55. Petelski swam the breaststroke portion of the four by 100 in 1:10.75, while senior Allison McQueen anchored the four by 100 (1:00.52) to finish second to UBC.

UVic ended the CIAUs with a sixth-place overall finish.

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Be sure to read next week's sports section in *the Martlet*'s women's issue to catch:

-the results of the women Vikes Canada West final against the Calgary Dinosaurs.

- the results of the Elk Lake spring rowing regattas.

...all this and more in the sports section of *the Martlet*'s women's issue. On stands next week!

**• February 29 •**

**SWAG**'s first "annual" Leaping Lezzie's Leap Day Tea House! 7:00 at The Sally Cafe. (714 Comorant St.) Music by "Ty. admission $5.00.

Dr . Kate Stevens, Professor of East Asian studies (retired) at University of Toronto, will tell A New Years Tale and Clapper Tales on the occasion of Chinese New Year. 6:30 pm Clearihue A206. All are welcome.

**• March 1 •**

**Rhythms of The World** is having its final concert for this year, Marimba Muzava-South American and Zimbabwean music. Also featuring ethnic food and handicrafts. Multi purpose room of the SUB at 7:30. $5/$7.

**Cafe Merenque-** Julio Cabreraand sensational new quintet play live Latin music. Proceeds will fund Victoria Immigrant & Refugee centre, 3277 Douglas. A smoke free event. For info call 361-1909/9433.

**• March 4-13 •**

**Career Forums '96** presented by the UVic Student Employment centre. These Free seminars Will provide you with an opportunity to hear top professionals speak about their fields and your future .March 4 Communications. March 6, Entrepreneurship. March 11 Tourism. March 13, Overseas Employment.Starts at 7:00 pm in the David Lam Theatre. Admission is free. For info call 721-8421.

**• March 5 •**

Adult adoptees, birth relatives and adoptive parents seeking reunion: The TRIAD Society for Truth in Adoption will meet Tuesday March 5 at 7:00pm at the Native Friendship Centre, 533 Yates St. second floor. All are welcome. Info, 598-9887.

**Jewish Student's Society** invites you to a Purim Party. Come help us celebrate the Book of Esther. With food, music, costumes and fun! 7:30 in the Grad Student Lounge.

**"Growtogether"** An 8 week marriage preparation and enrichment course. Begins at 7pm in the Interfaith Chapel. $150 per couple. Topics include communication skills, marital roles, abuse, intimacy, budgeting, mixed faith communication & spiritual journeying. Info 721-8338. Taught by Peter Ambery(m. Ed.)counselling Psychologist.

**• March 8 •**

Professor Charles Altieri, Department of English, University of California, Will be speaking about "What is Living and What is Dead in American Postmodernism: Establishing the Contemporaneity of some American Poetry." 2:30pm, Clearihue A215.

**Harrumph – a politically incorrect event...** Fourteen of Canada's leadingpolitical cartoonists will be exhibiting their artwork at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. Twelve of the participating cartoonists will be providing the entertainment. View works that were rejected by newspaper editors as "beyond the bounds of good taste." **Ends March 31.**

**CFUV FM102** presents 24 hours of **Womens Programming** in celebration of International Women's Day. 6pm till 6am. Phone Peggy at 721-8702 for more info.

**• Ongoing •**

**The Vancouver Island Safety Council** is offering courses in driver training, defensive driving, motorcycle training and an airbrake certification course. For more information, phone 478-9584.

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## Notices

If you are interested in forming a **course union** please contact Ana UVSS Director of Academics 721-8369.

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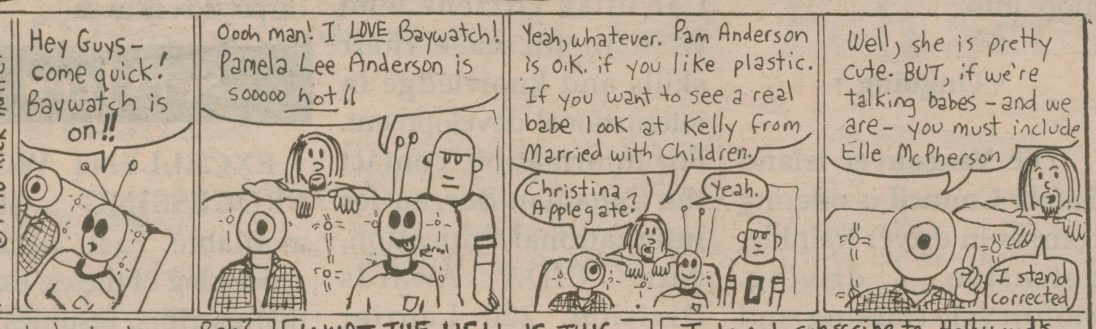


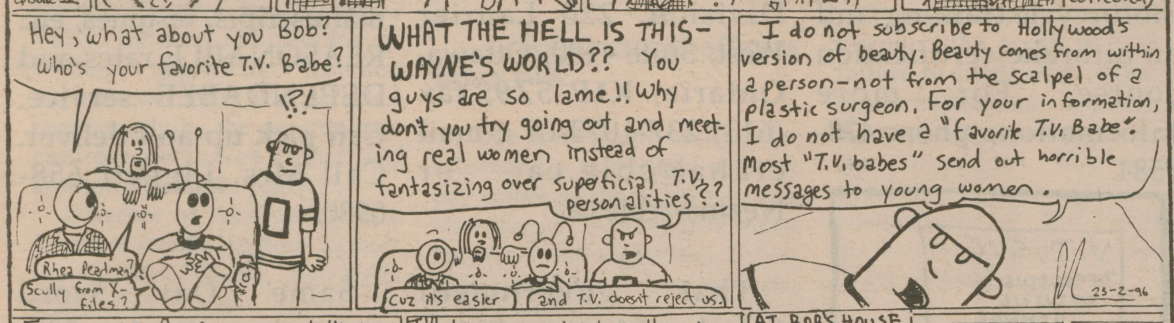


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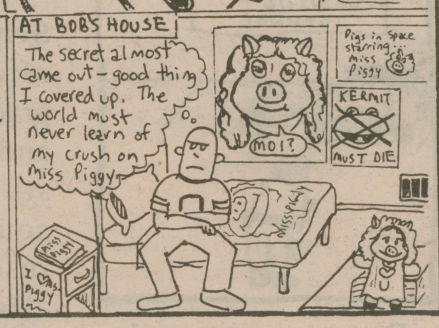


## UNCLE VASILY'S FUNPACK

Actually, this isn't a real fun-pack, but I felt like drawing Uncle Vasily.

(This week's comic: author was exposed to hi-level gamma radiation. Donations to his rehab fund are welcome.) Under pain of censure, I cannot longer parody other comics, so I now parody my own. This said, I present my Magnum Opus (penguin with a big gun) chronicling mankind's never-ending quest for immorality.

MAY 1598. SPAIN SIGNS THE TREATY OF VERVINS. 1965. THE WATTS RACE RIOTS. MERE COINCIDENCE? READ ON...

I. I WAS BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN MY MOUTH. NOTHING LIKE IT HAD EVER BEEN SEEN. AH, GROWING UP. WE WERE UNDER CONSTANT THREAT OF ATTACK FROM THE OSTROGOTHS. OUR PARENTS RAISED US ON A HEALTHY DIET OF GREENS, ROOTS, GRUBS, AND DISOBEDIENT SIBLINGS. OH, MY FIRST LOVE, SWEET PUPPY LOVE. BUT ALAS! FOR THE REPRESSIVE ANTI-ZOOPHILIAC LAWS IN FORCE THEN...

AT SCHOOL, KIDS MADE FUN OF ME 'CUZ I WAS A BIT OF AN UGLY DUCKLING. ALSO THEY WERE JEALOUS, I WAS THE ONLY KID WITH THE STIGMATA SO THEY THREW ME INTO A VAT OF ACID.

II. STUDENT PROTESTS WERE QUELLED QUICKLY WHEN GOVT. OFFICIALS LET THEM EAT CAKE.

MAN! THIS IS WAY BETTER THAN CHEAP TUITION! PRAISE AND GLORY BE!

III. From far and wide, people brought their disputes to the wise King Solomon. I SEE, YOU BOTH CLAIM IT'S YOUR OWN CHILD. HMMMM.

I HAVE DECIDED. BRING YON CHILD HERE UNTO MY KINGSHIP.

OK, THAT'S FOR YOU, AND THAT'S FOR YOU! THAT WASN'T SO HARD! NEXT! (I WONDER IF THAT DECISION WAS A LITTLE HASTY)

FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS

THAT'S NOT THAT FUNNY

OOOF!

BAM!

HA HA HOHO HEE HEE!

IV. THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE!

'RATA TATATAT!

V. POLITICAL CARTOON

"Driving this road of life, remember to show a little leg and you're bound to get out of a ticket or two."

AAAAGH!!

(spontaneous) combustion

V. HEY! I SAW GOD YESTERDAY!!

HE'S OK, WE PLAYED SOME VIDEO GAMES

HE'S GOT PRETTY HARSH B.O. THOUGH

COOL. HOW WAS HE?

WE TALKED A BIT. HE HASN'T MADE UP HIS MIND ON PREDESTINATION YET. HE ALSO SAID TO STOP LIVING VICARIOUSLY THRU OBSCURE PERSONAL REFERENCES IN YOUR COMIC.

VI. IS THE GLASS HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL?

HEY! THAT'S MY WATER!

SMASH!

BAM!

PUNCH! BAM! PUNCH!

WHAT COULD GO WRONG NOW?

VII. A.M.

ZZZZ...

WHU... WHAT WAS THAT?

I'D BETTER GRAB MY BEDSIDE BATTLE-AXE!

CREEP TIP-TOE

HA HA! I'VE GOT YOU, YA DIRTY PROWLERS!

SWING SLICE HACK!

light switch

FLIK!

(CARNAGE.)

GASP! WHAT HAVE I DONE! IT WAS ONLY THE KINDLY ELVES WHO WERE MENDING MY TROUSERS AND LEGGINGS WHILST I SLUMBERED! OH GOOD LORD!

PLATO'S CORNER

"Foolish is he who injudiciously attempts acerbic satire which, may be misconstrued as merely acerbic, especially at a X-mas party." (If you know what I mean, read no further, for my sake, please.)

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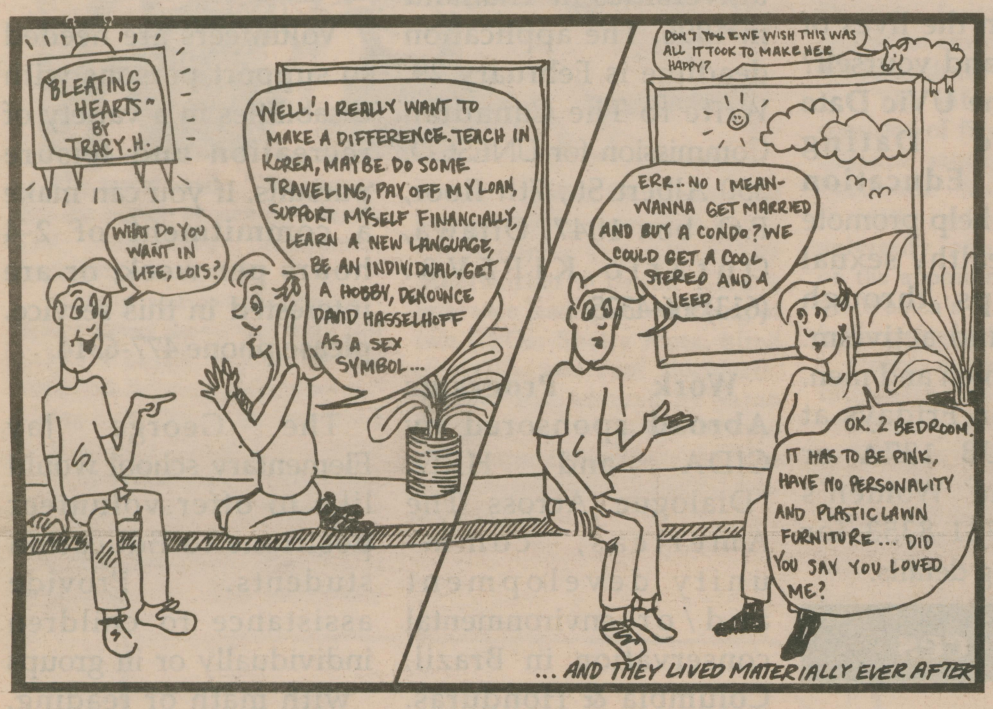

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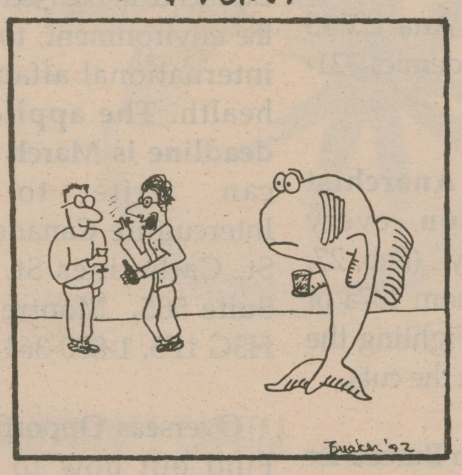


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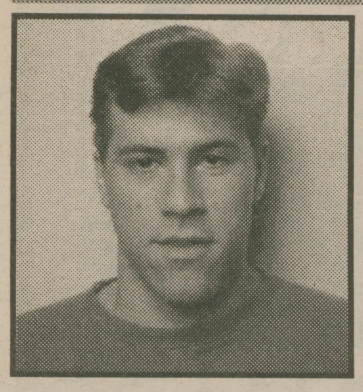


### LEE GIRARDO

Hi, I would like to go to work for you on the BoG. Student representation on the BoG is small, but I promise to get in the face of the board and make sure the voice of the student population is heard. I am open to the concerns of all the students and various constituencies, but I am not here to "play politics". The BoG decides administrative and financial matters, and I am here to deal with those issues. They affect everyone. Today's financial reality is that government funding of universities has been cut. With less money it is essential that what budget we have is allocated responsibly so the university can remain accessible. I will scrutinize the budget and ensure our tuition dollars are stretched as far as possible and not wasted. Furthermore, the faculty, administration, and employees of UVic should bear an equal share in the cutbacks, it should not be on the backs of students alone. Our tuition does not have to sky rocket! Unfortunately, the BoG is closed to the public; however, I am committed to informing the whole student population of the issues the board faces so we can all make our voice heard. Thanks.

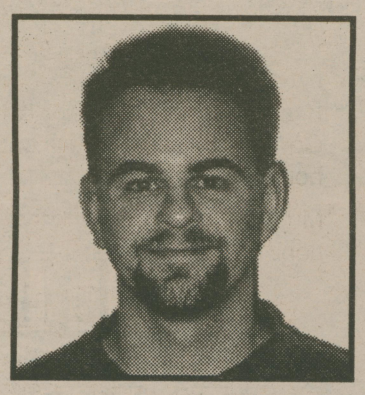
### PAMELA GRANT

My name is Pamela Grant. I am a member of Senate and President of the Political Science Students' Association. I have never put my name forward for the Board of Governors before however, though I have worked for academic concerns on Senate and departmental issues in Political Science, student concerns have develop an increasingly financial quality.

We need a student representative on the Board who is not afraid to speak directly to these concerns and is committed enough to do the work being a member of the Board entails.

I am not the sort of student representative you might find on the UVSS BoD. I don't expect you to fund my travel to useless conferences, or to vote me a payraise while I expect you to pay for a mandatory health plan from which I am exempt. My concerns are here at UVic, my work is here, and that work over the last three years has been unpaid.

I am concerned about the difficulties faced by students here both now and in the future. We must present a compelling argument, through the Board to the government or we will pay the difference. I want to make sure we don't!



### DEVON KRUGGEL

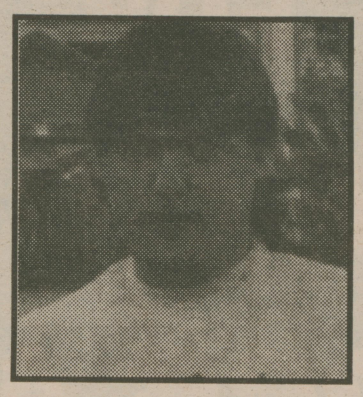
The role of the Board of Governors is to decide the rates of tuition and fees at UVic. I, if elected to the Board of Governors, will work hard for all students.

First, the students' society has attacked the federal government while not looking at the finances of the University itself. Each professor, aside from receiving pay, also receives an expense account. I believe that these expense accounts, which can be several thousands of dollars each, need to be reconsidered. If students are meant to pay more than staff should also be prepared to spend less.

Second, it is time that we students realize that there are two levels of government which affect us. The provincial government must be held accountable for its cuts to education and take some responsibility rather than pass the blame on to Ottawa.

Third, I will ask the Board of Governors to allocate more funds to expand cooperative education programs here at UVic. Co-op programs allow many to continue their education when there are no other financial alternatives.

I wish my fellow candidates good luck.



### CRAIG LLOYD

The Board of Governors approves the university budget and our tuition. This is one of the most important body's on campus.

As <u>your</u> representative on the Board of Governors I will:

- oppose packing in more students into overcrowded classrooms created by the NDP government's "efficiency" drive.
- ensure that both the Graduate Student Society and the UVSS are kept informed of the Board's business before decisions are made.
- present the views of the Graduate Student Society and the UVSS to the Board even when I don't agree with them.
- advocate for increased funding for student bursaries.
- scrutinize UVic's budget to find areas of administrative overspending and other wasteful spending.
- stringently oppose the silly, pointless and insulting Student Code of Conduct. Nothing is ever accomplished until an individual gets off their butt and does something. Three years ago, I complained about the lack of science coverage in the Martlet. Two years ago, I volunteered to create a science section. Now the Martlet receives government funding for a science editor.

I believe that one person can make a difference, help me make a difference for all of us.

Thanks for your time.

Questions? e-mail me at
**clloyd@uvic.ca**

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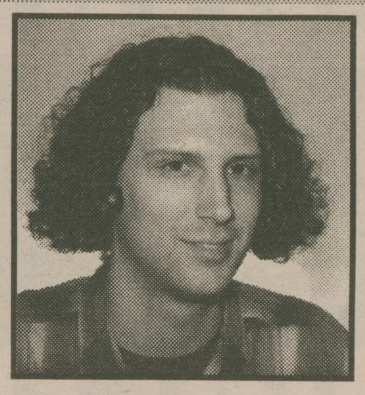

### MATT POLLARD

No one should be denied a university education just because they can't afford it. Yet pending government funding cuts will drive tuition fees beyond the reach of all but the wealthy, shutting out greater numbers of intelligent, motivated people. Can our society afford to stifle the potential of so many? I don't believe we can.

The current administration has strongly and vocally opposed the pending cuts. Students, faculty, staff, and the administration must together continue high-profile advocacy for publicly-funded post-secondary education. Our Board of Governors can play an instrumental role, and I believe I can bring forceful arguments to that debate.

The Board of Governors has few tools with which to change its government funding base; severe cuts are probably coming to UVic in the near future. In distributing these cuts, no faculty, program or department should be singled out, nor eliminated. We must protect initiatives designed to include groups traditionally excluded by economic, social, cultural, or gender biases.

The Board of Governors must develop innovative funding alternatives (e.g. expanding revenue generating services to non-students) which reject regressive tuition fee increases. I hope you will give me an opportunity to contribute my creativity to this endeavor.

### THERESA SABOURIN

The Board of Governors makes the important financial decisions for our entire campus. Nothing will affect UVic more in the coming months than federal funding cuts to post-secondary education. Students, and the university as a whole, must insist that post-secondary education be properly funded. The Board of Governors can and should take a leadership role.

My name is Theresa Sabourin, and I am running for the Board of Governors. I believe that my years of experience as a student activist and as an Executive Director on the UVSS Board have given me the knowledge and skills to effectively represent students on the BoG.

Some of my goals are:

- to fight cuts to post-secondary education funding
- to ensure that University policies are more effective in supporting individuals who experience harassment and discrimination on campus. In the past I have undertaken to gain administration's support for the work of climate committees, and have fought to see that the recommendations offered by climate committees are followed
- to be a strong and vocal voice for students

No qualified, motivated student should be robbed of a university education. Education is a right!

On March 12, 13 and 14 come out and vote.

### Steve Vander Wal

Putting Students First

I am running for Board of Governors and Senate because of my concern about growing fees and shrinking services. I want to make sure that <u>tuition goes as far as possible</u> and that <u>students have a strong voice</u> in the administration. I believe I have the experience and determination to get the job done. These are some of the issues I will make a priorty:

* Students will be the last group the administration looks to for cuts

* Take the opportunity of an election year to get in the face of politicians about the rights of students.

• Keep education affordable

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## CANDIDATES FOR B O G

and accessable.

• Improve campus safety, library funding andday care.

• Promote autonomy for Coarse Unions and Faculty Societies.

• Open the door for your input on issues. E-mail me at svanderw@uvaix.uvic.ca with what's on your mind.

There are important issues at stake, and I hope I can count on your support to make things happen next year.

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## CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

### BALJINDER BAINS

Hi! My name is Baljinder Bains and I'm a third year Political Science and Philosophy major. My reasons for running for the position of Director-at-Large with the Board of Directors are quite simple:

• to make the BoD more accessible

• to make the SUB more accessible, especially to students living in res

• to make decisions based on what students WANT— not what a select few think they NEED

• to address the issues and concerns of womyn and students of colour

• to continue the struggle to end racism

• to develop a stronger sense of community at UVic

• to work on the still existing problem of the Extended Health Care Plan and finding easier ways for students to opt out

I think I'm qualified to do the job. I am an active member in a number of clubs on campus, including:

• UVic Ballroom Dance Club—vice president

• Political Science Students Association—social coordinator

• Students of Colour

Also, I find that there is a growing need for more equal representation on the BoD. Representation that actually represents the students at this school.

### DAVE BARTLEY

I am Dave Bartley, a third year History major, who is seeking to make the UVSS more accessible and open to the student population. By doing so I feel that the UVSS would become more receptive to the general student body. I would like to see that all students who do not have a voice or say within the UVSS are represented. The average student is unaware of what transpires in the board meetings and is entitled to have clear communication between the UVSS and its members. Therefore, I believe the UVSS has to become more representative of all students not just a select few. This small group of interests fail to address the concerns of the average female or male students on campus. My campaign is based upon a common sense approach and a desire to give the student government a strong voice and a representative who will tackle the issues without prejudice or a political motivation but of a passion to change the status quo.

### ALLISON BOULTON

Hi! My name is Allison Boulton and I am running for the position of Director at Large. I am a 3rd year Commerce student majoring in Tourism Management and I feel it is time students feel more adequately represented by the UVSS Board of Directors.

My experience includes being a member of the Commerce Students' Society Executive, Vice-President of the Tourism club, and active in numerous volunteer and charity organizations including:

* **Welcome Week**
* UNICEF
* United Way
* International students Buddy Program

**I believe** that:

• The students of UVic should have an executive that is **accountable and representative to all students** on campus.

• The Students' Society should be run by **real students**, not professional politicians who happen to go to UVIc.

• The Board of Directors should be **fiscally responsible** and aware of the financial realities we all must face.

• That we should be **working with the management and Union of the S.U.B. not against them.**

We must remain diligent on issues such as:

• Increased **access** to library and computer facilities.

• The **Safewalk** phone number to be toll free from payphones.

• Ensure the administration is responsible with **OUR** tuition.

### GWEN BRIDGE

If elected to the Student Council I would be fair and honest.

My concerns and motivations are:

— environmental quality in preservation of green spaces, implementation of composting, support for the organic gardening initiative of Environmental Studies Students, exploring the possibility of filtered water in the SUB.

— Equality and justice for all humans, and an effort to maintain the high standards set by Student Societies in the past. Recognition and encouragement of Students of Colour and the Native Student Union, of which I am a member (Cree), and all other groups concerned with the preservation of healthy bodies and minds for students.

— My concerns spread to society as a whole and I will attempt to raise consciousness with respect to issues regarding national policies on education, social programs, and native issues and environmental problems. I feel that the University is a place where issues should be raised and addressed and student input should be sought in order to teach others and provide an initiative for our own education.

— I will encourage and support ideas which propose alternatives to the current destructive dominant paradigm and offer hope for the betterment of this campus and this society.

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### DANYA CHAIKEL

I am a second year political science/women's studies student and I am eager to represent you as a Director-at-Large. I believe that the University experience should not be limited to attending classes. I know that it can be difficult to get involved, so I plan to be very visible and create a more interactive UVSS.

After talking with friends and classmates, I feel that the following issues must be tackled:

- **Fight** the impending cuts to social programs; I was involved with the February 7 rally, and believe that students have a voice in this country. If we speak loudly enough, we can stop the cuts.
- **Eradicate** sexism, racism, homophobia, ableism and all discriminatory behaviour on campus.
- **Create** an environmentally sound campus with less waste and more recycling; reuse recyclable paper in the computer lab, and charge more for styrofoam cups in SUB.
- **Increase** accessibility for all; one's wealth should not determine the quality of one's education.

I want to hear what your issues are too, because you are the students I want to represent!

Contact me at danya@uvic.ca

*Start getting involved and vote on MARCH 12, 13 &14.

**EDUCATION IS A RIGHT,**

**NOT A PRIVILEGE!!!**

### ROB FLEMING

I am running for the BoD because the future of post-secondary education is at stake in this country. **Affordable, public universities must be defended.** Federal cutbacks (if passed) will return us to the bad old days when education was only available to the wealthy few. Students' financial situations are already bleak; we owe it to ourselves and future students to fight future tuition hikes.

I am a third year history major who came to UVic after transferring from Camosun College. This year I volunteered on the UVSS Finance committee. In 1994/95 I worked as Communications coordinator for the Camosun College Student Society. I have been active in organizing against Federal cutbacks — the UVSS should continue this campaign.

- The UVSS is a registered non-profit society with over 17,000 members. As a non-profit society the UVSS should not incur debt nor make excessive profits from students.
- The UVSS should continue to play a strong role in making UVic free from all forms of discrimination.
- student employees in the SUB should be paid fairer wages (more than Blockbuster Video)
- UVSS and CFS should work to get private banks out of the student loan business.
- Improve communication with faculty and campus unions.

### LEE GIRARDO

Hey everyone. I am Lee Girardo and I would like to help out as a Director-at-Large for the UVSS. I am running for the BoD because I feel I can help the society with the mess it is in. The budget is not being met and we need to allocate what funds we have to maximize the benefits to all students. What we need is rational, intelligent leadership. Someone who will watch the financial accountability of the society, yet stay true to the role of fighting for students rights. These goals are not mutually exclusive. I will also:

-fight to ensure the success of the new SUB-

-lobby the university to ensure that students do not get the short end of the financial stick with regard to the cutbacks

I am a determined, hard-worker and because I am a relative newcomer, I can bring energy and fresh new ideas to the board. If elected I will actively seek the input of the student population to see that everyone's concerns are met. This is your society, vote for someone who will take it back! Mark the 'X' beside Girardo.

Thanks.

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### ART GLEN

Hi!

My name is Art. As a third year English major and Resident Advisor I have seen the need for change and energy in UVic's Student Society. I believe that by **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST** we can ensure effective, accessible, and equal representation for ALL students.

An effective, accessible and fair student society has responsibilities to you and every other student:

- An effective student government will deliver **$1.4 Million** worth of student services; opposed to the services we receive now at that price
- An accessible UVSS should become involved in supporting events, not only in the SUB, but also in **residence, athletics** and **academic services.**
- A fair student government must ensure **all students** are represented in an equal and conciliatory manner

As a member of the 1995 National Student Strike task-force for residence, a member of the Weeks-of-Welcome volunteer team, and currently as a Resident Advisor I have always helped to ensure that students receive the most from their university years.

As a Director at Large I will go out and talk to campus groups rather than wait for them to come talk to me.

Lets start **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!**

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### ERICA HARGREAVE

My name is Erica Hargreave, a third year Biology major. I want to work towards a more co-operative campus where all students are represented — it's time for **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!**

As Vice-President of the Scuba Club, and Program Director of an Environment Education program across North America, I have experience in working with people and **getting the job done.**

As a Director at Large, I will strive for:

*** more accountable student evalutions of teachers & courses:**

We should continue the student evalution booklet started last year — so students can get the education they want!

*** more cycling ammenities**

More bike racks, lockers & showers to encourage students to use bicycles as a mode of transportation.

*** working with clubs & course unions**

Greater flexibility in the budgeting process and space for clubs & course unions are a high priority.

*** improved library resources**

I will lobby for better access and more current journals — going to UBC to research should be an option, not a necessity

*** better lighting and security**

There is a desperate need for improved lighting and SafeWalk all over campus, especially around the Science buildings.

As a candidate for Director at Large, I believe in **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!**

### ERIN HOGEWEIDE

Are you one of the many students who find yourself wondering, "What is the Students' Society?" Are you also one of the many students who have no clue what your Students' Society fees are used for? My name is Erin Hogeweide and I intend to be your voice within the UVSS Board of Directors. Students have spent too much time in the dark at UVic; it's time to begin **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.**

With experience as a journalist for an Okanagan newspaper, and as an advocate for affordable post-secondary education, I know how vital it is for students to take action in their own affairs.

Once elected I will:

- Ensure <u>better communications</u> between the UVSS, other student bodies, and co-op students.
- Ensure that the <u>$1.4 million students give the UVSS</u> will be spent wisely and that the distribution of funds is both fair and open.
- Ensure UVic students will be heard by the UVSS, administration and government.
- Ensure hours for the computer lab and library are extended to meet the demands of students.

Lets keep UVic the best university in Canada. With your support, we can work together and create a better UVSS, a students' society concerned with

**PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.**

### SHEILA IE

Please allow me to introduce myself...

I am Sheila Ie, an undergrad student studying Visual Arts.

If I am not composing lines or constructing ideas far on the other side of 'Ring... I may be capturing the most beautiful campus in Canada on paper or film.

You may also have met me working at the Cinecenta, or perhaps securing the patrons of Felicitas and Vertigo.

I feel it is time that student voice, not personal ethics to be the sole input of what affects this University. I believe that UVic has great potential to make differences by:

- promoting motivation and enthusiasm for school activities, sporting events and social, art, and cultural functions for all
- applying accessible environmental tactics to provide a healthy awareness for the student body which enables UVic to become actively involved with the pressing universal issue of human responsibility to the planet
- networking between all faculties and each course union to provide fair representation and educated involvement for the benefit of UVic's population

I will demand action supporting the students and help to create a progressive, unified, efficient, and an articulate University for all to enjoy. Help Me, help you. Vote Sheila Ie.

See ya.

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### AARON JOHNSON

I am Aaron Johnson, and I believe in making the UVSS representative of our student body; **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST** is the key! I stand for increased student awareness, activity, and voice within the UVSS from all faculties, clubs, and groups.

Important issues need to be addressed by the UVSS:

- **Efficient** and **effective** management of the new SUB, its resources, and the $1.4 million services.
- Funding, space, and equipment for **clubs,** and **course unions.**
- Representation and input from **all Faculties**.
- **Accessible**, not limiting **tuition** for all students, especially to International students.
- Ensure **Co-op** Students are kept in direct communication with UVIC.
- Increased promotion of, and interest in **athletics and recreation** among students.
- Lobby for a **UVic Varsity Hockey and Football Team.**
- Ensure Campus **Security** and **Safety remains a priority.**
- Lobby so that **Residence Food points go farther** and will be accepted in the SUB.

These important issues among many others, are important to increased UVic **spirit and pride**. I will work to create an open environment where all students can feel **represented** and **heard**. It is time for action; the action is

**PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!**

EXERCISE YOUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

### SOPHIA KIM

Hey I'm Sophia and I'm running for Director at Large. During the coming year we can work together to make all students feel a part of the University Victoria Students Society. It's time that everybody knows what's going on with all the money students contribute to the UVSS; it's time that all student politicians start PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST again.

As a student who has been very active on campus I have some hard questions to ask.

- Why can't Res. students use **foodpoints at the SUB?**
- Why not **involve more students** in the decision making of the UVSS?
- How about the UVSS lobbying for **more foodpoints** for Res. Students?
- Where on campus can we do a better job in **recycling**?
- Why don't some of our UVSS fees come back to disadvantaged students in a **UVSS Scholarship Fund**?
- Where is the **premotion of varsity sports**?

If elected I will answer these questions for you by doing my best to make them happen.

As a Director at Large I will promise you open, accesable and effective representation.

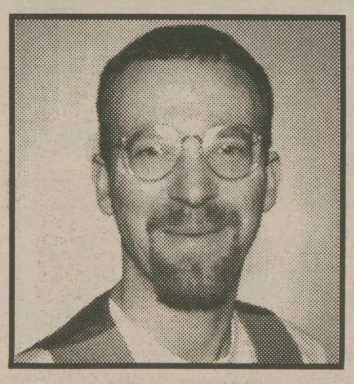
This election presents the opportunity to ensure the following:

**Tutition is kept affordable and student services accesible.**

**Campus safety remains a priority.**

**Students receive $1.4 million worth of effective services.**

Vote



### OLIVER KUEHN

Hi! My name is Oliver Kuehn. I am new to UVic but have been involved in the Feb. 7th organizing committee. As a director at large, I will continue this anti education cuts work.

I feel I would be a good choice for a director at large, because I am a progressive, approachable person who is willing to be a representative for all students on University committees, including those from marginalized groups.

An example of the sort of things I would like to work towards is: the re-establishment of the Student Society's Environment committee, which would work with such issues as: creating an effectively working carpooling network with students, working on recycling issues in the SUB and working with the Native Vegetation Committee on campus.

But most of all, I just want to see all undergraduate students get involved and exercise their democratic right to vote.

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### DENNIS LANCIEN

*Aloha*, my name is Dennis Lancien and I'm:

- an 18 year old first year student.
- an English/French double major.
- a residence student (Wilson.)
- a Martlet staff writer and production volunteer.
- a participant in the 30 hour famine.
- a Young Liberal.
- a recent volunteer on the Week of Welcome committee.
- a Arts & Science student senator for the 96/97 year.

Coming from the small town of Hope, BC, I see this university from a different point of view, not one that has jaded by student politics. From this perspective, I can see several things that need to be changed.

- The computer lab needs to be open longer.
- Residences need to have their own computer lab.
- The program menu needs updated including Quark XPress and better graphics programs.
- The C.D. selection has to be broadened to include a multimedia encyclopedia, a timeline CD and better clip-art.

The library's must become more accessible including:

- longer hours for special collections.
- more copies of books in the reserve room.

I realize that holding one small position cannot change much, but it's a start, and every idea has to start somewhere.

Maybe it will be your vote ...

**dlancien@uvic.ca**

### SHERRY MACLEOD

Hi, I'm Sherry MacLeod, a third year nursing student. I am running for director at large as an extension of the political involvement that I have engaged.

I have helped fight increasing ancillary fees and decreasing services to students, was active in the Feb. 7Th Day of Action. I am a member of a Provincial Steering Committee that is planning the future of the Colleges and Institutes in this Province and have gained some insight into where we are headed as a system.

I started as a single parent and am now married with two children. I understand the tremendous financial pressures that students face.

While a college student, I helped to organize the North Island Student's Association. I believe in a strong and united student voice.

I will fight for:

- **Tuition Freeze** - fight the cuts in federal transfer payments.
- **Maintain High Quality Services** - maintain adequate computer lab hours, library services, etc.
- **Fight Increasing Ancillary Fees** - increasing fees are nickel and diming students.
- **Strength in Numbers** - maintain a strong and active student voice through the Canadian Federation of Student's.
- **Increasing Financial Support** to Students - more accessible grants other financial aid.
- **Affordable Child Care** - develop alternative, low-cost child-care.

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### RYAN PETERSON

My name is Ryan Peterson and I'm a History Major, running for director at large. By offering new and fresh ideas; by providing students with an environment where they can successfully pursue their endevours; I hope to be your strong student voice. It's time to start .

Working on campus with the CFVU, the fencing club and the ski club, I have seen how important student involvement is.

Once elected I intend:

- To ensure Campus Security is a priority:
  - More lighting, education and safewalk programs are needed.
- Lobby for a Varsity Uvic Football & Hockey Team:
  - -The time has come for the UVSS to become more active in promoting athletics on campus.
- A stronger and more effective recycling program:
  - -The time has come to manage food waste more effectively.

The SUB delivers all of $1.4 million of services:

A more open and efficient use of the dollars we pay to the UVSS is needed.

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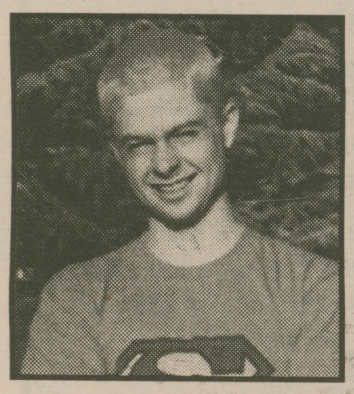
## CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Tuition remains affordable:

Accessible education is a vitally important component of society, thus we have to fight for our right to fair tuition.

My goal is to promote the interests of the students. Working together, we can help build UVic by PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.



### LEIGH PHILLIPS

Are you **cheesed** off about **bike thieves**? Do you **puke** every time you hear the Banks and corporations have made another **buhzillion** dollars on the backs of workers? Have you had enough of going without **milk** this week to pay for your inter-library loan instead? I am a student animator, a radical environmentalist and social activist studying political science at UVic and a graduate of the Vancouver School of Animation and Multimedia. I endorse the CFS and will continue to support them as Director. The student movement is a powerful weapon for social change. I believe that if students are radicalized, not only can we stop the cutbacks to education and remove tuition fees, but together with workers and the poor we can begin to build the just society.

As Director I will fight **for**:

- 0% tuition and increased grants
- cyclists rights
- an anti-racism officer
- diversity, accessibility and a nice, warm Bermuda-like climate
- multicultural, aboriginal and queer studies departments

and **against:**

- double billing
- larger classes
- international students' differential fees
- increased privatization of UVic
- injustice, poverty, and greed
- sexism, racism, ableism, homophobia, discrimination or harassment of any kind.

**STUDENTS, WORKERS AND THE POOR - UNITE AND FIGHT THE RIGHT!**

### THERESA SABOURIN

I am a third year political science and women's studies student. I have participated on the UVSS Board of Directors for the past two years, and am currently the UVSS Director of Services.

**My Experience:**

- Representative on the Equal Rights and Opportunities committee, Campus Security committee, and the Safer Campuses Initiative
- Chair of SUB Expansion, Clubs Council, Ombudsperson Advisory, and Events committees
- Canadian Federation of Students BC Women's Liaison
- Active in organizing campaigns to fight the federal government's cuts to post-secondary education

**My Goals in the upcoming year are to:**

- continue to work with Student Unions across the country in opposing federal cuts to education through the Canadian Federation of Students
- lobby for improved student services on campus
- lobby for changes in the work study program to allow students in financial need to receive work study as an alternative to debt, rather than the current system in which students must take out their maximum loan before qualifying
- work towards a campus climate in which homophobia, sexism, classism and racism are not tolerated, through work on committees as well as educational campaigns
- see the SUB Expansion project to completion

**Exercise Your Right!**

**VOTE on March 12, 13, 14**

### BINDY SANGHERA

UVSS Director-At-Largel am a third year Social Work Student. I am running for the UVSS board of directors because I believe that getting involved in progressive organizations such as the UVSS is an effective way of creating social change.

Some of the issues I care about are:

1.) I will work towards creating a climate on campus which is more accepting of diversity by challenging inequalities based on gender, race, age, class, sexual orientation, ability and other forms of oppression. I support representation from and increased funding for marginalized groups on campus.

2.) I will work to build the broad based movement that opposes federal cutbacks to education, social programs and health care. My first goal is to make sure that strong voices from Victoria are heard in Ottawa in May. I want to work with students and community groups to challenge debt crisis mythology. Social programs did not cause the debt or deficit.

3.) N Campus safety is also a priority. I will work towards making the campus safer for all students. Education should become a larger priority in campus safety campaigns. For example, I will actively support educational campaigns, such as the "No means no" campaign.

### KATHLEEN SCANLAN

I am a third year Women's Studies and Writing student . I am running for the position of Director at Large because I am an ardent advocate for social change. I believe that as a collective of students we can work towards improving the current social and political situations on campus and in society at large. The issues that I will work on are;

-safety for women on campus -let's look at the problems and attempt to solve them, and not just pacify the symptoms - let's make the entire campus a safe space for women

-supporting traditionally marginalized groups to reclaim their voices and gain their own space on campus

-acknowledging cuts to post-secondary education and social programs hurt students and others; therefore, we must work in solidarity with other student unions across the country through the Canadian Federation of Students.

-giving equal opportunity and accessibility to all student groups, and working towards the elimination of groups that discriminate on the basis of sex, race or class

As a director I would work towards the complete obliteration of sexism, racism, homophobia, and other oppressions. We must work in solidarity to create change. Vote March 12, 13, and 14th.

### JENNIFER SCHLOTTER

**–Hi!** My name is Jenn Schlotter and I am running for Director at Large. I believe that the Student Society should represent **all students** on campus; it's time to start **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.** I love UVic — that is why I decided to run for Students' Society.

I have worked with the Biology Course Union and am the VP-Social of Ballroom Dance Club. I now realize how important student involvement is on campus. That involvement needs to be increased at Uvic. All students should feel comfortable and free to participate!

As a Director at Large, I will work towards:

- **Raising school spirit**

More student events that involve all students, regardless of age, gender, and faculty

- **Improve communications**

Many students are not aware of what the UVSS does and how it affects them — that needs to change!

- **Larger and more active Clubs**

Clubs are vital to the well-being of students — they need more encouragement, more space, and more profile.

- **Increasing Campus Green Spaces**

As Uvic expands the UVSS must ensure that the natural beauty of our campus is maintained and increases.

Lets keep UVic the best university in Canada. Elect a student who will be a strong voice for you.

**ALL CANDIDATES FORUM**

THURS FEB. 29, 11:00 am

AT

**UVSS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**(NEW SUB)**

WED MAR. 6, 5pm - 9pm

at

**CADBORO DINING HALL, RES**

***DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR STUDENT CARD***

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## CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

### BEN SOTHMANN

Hello my name is Ben Sothmann. Many people around campus simply know me as Farley. I come from a small town in Saskatchewan, and I am a third year Political Science major. My reason for running for Director-at-Large is because I am sick of the extreme left wing politics practiced at the University of Victoria. I intend to express the moderate, liberal viewpoint; the far left is as far off as the far right. The other day I saw a sign that read "Assault against social programs is an assault against women." Yes, this is true but it is also the same for men. I don't care if you are a feminist, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or an environmentalist, but please do not preach your beliefs upon me. My friends and I do not go around campus demanding this and that. All we want is fair representation and for the extreme left and right wingers to tone down a notch. We all have our beliefs but we do not run around forcing them down every other student's throat, as some campus groups do. Instead of students being divided over class, gender, and ethnic lines, we should unite so we can do something about inefficiencies and the shit the University is always selling us. I will represent the average student in an above average manner.

### SEBASTIAN TROEN

Have you ever felt like the UVSS doesn't give a damn about your concerns. That the SUB is controlled by individuals who can't relate to you. I think it's time that the UVSS starts **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.**

1996 is the year the UVSS must ensure :

-Students receive services that are reflective of the UVSS's **$1.4 million operating budget.**

-That the UVSS offers services that are **really needed,**

-That all students feel welcome and safe at Uvic

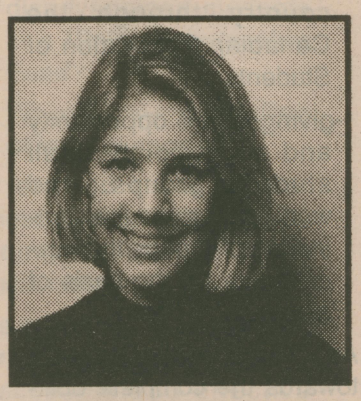
My experience as President of my college student society, as well as my involvement in many other organizations of various sizes gives me the experience to deal with a variety of people and pressures.

**I firmly believe students from all walks of life deserve to be represented fairly and with equal say.**

I will represent the student body with a **strong voice and effective leadership.**

As director I want to ensure

- Fair allocation of funds which represent actual student interest
- The UVSS fights the tuition increases fairly and reasonably
- **Extended library and computer lab hours.**
- Residence students are able to use their food cards at the SUB
- Varsity sports get the support they deserve, anybody see the amount o f banners we've been winning, and no one knows about it!!!!



### KATHERINE TWEEDIE

Don't you think that 1996 is a good year to elect a candidate with a strong student voice! The time has come for the UVSS to begin **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.**

1996 is the year the UVSS must ensure :

- Students receive services that are reflective of the UVSS's **$1.4 million budget.**

- **That tuition remains affordable** and that important **student services remain accessible.**

- Uvic remains a safe and open campus for **all students.**

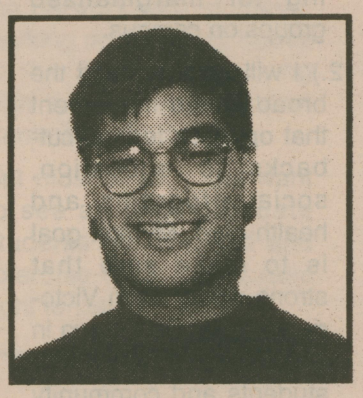
I would like to use the experiences that I have gained working with students, volunteer organizations like the United Nations, and the Administration to further your ideas and concerns. **I firmly believe students from all walks of life deserve to be represented fairly and with equal say.**

I will represent the student body with a **strong voice and effective leadership.**

As director I want to ensure

- Funding for clubs and course unions is increased: **no budget cuts.**
- Students' costs are kept down with a new **UVSS scholarship fund.**
- Week of Welcome remains a huge success
- **Campus safety remains a priority**: more lighting, Campus Safewalk promotion.
- **Extended library and computer lab hours.**

With your support we can work together in **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.**



### STEVE YUNG

A TRULY FINE CANDIDATE!!!!***

➔ Tired of the old industrial strength one-ply political candidate? GO TWO-PLY!! As a Director-at-large wannabe, I truly support and will uphold a few TRULY FINE notions:

✓ FAIR POLITICS

✓ RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT

✓ FAIR REPRESENTATION

✓ EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

and above all else....

☆ OPEN MINDEDNESS☆ .

➤ Some of my past and present truly fine activities include: working as a Resident Advisor during the 1994-'95 year, volunteering at the UVic Afterschool Program, Royal Jubilee Hospital (oncology dept.) and UVic Week of Welcome, and partaking in various intramural sports activities.

➤ So come on down to those TRULY FINE polling stations and VOTE for STEVE YUNG...not the guy who brought the 49'ers the Superbowl...but the guy who will bring UVic a SUPER YEAR!!

## *Official Yes Side for the CFS FEE Referendum*

Theresa Sabourin

**In order to effectively represent our issues to government, provincially and nationally, our national student federation — Canadian Federation of Students — must have sufficient resources.**

### BACKGROUND

**1981**

The Canadian Federation of Students is formed. The membership fee is set at 3.75 per student per semester ( a national fee of $2.00 and a provincial fee of $1.75).

**1981-92**

For the next eleven years the fees remain unchanged even though the rate of inflation increases by over 80%, significantly reducing the value of the fees and, therefore, the effectiveness of the organisation.

**1992**

Member student societies vote to increase the national fee from $2.00 to $3.00 per student per semester. The member student societies in BC vote to increase the provincial fee from $1.75 to $3.00 per student per semester.

**1992-95**

All member campuses in BC, except the University of Victoria, implement the membership fee increase.

### WHY THE FEE SHOULD BE INCREASED

**Fairness**

The Canadian Federation of Students is a partnership in which the member campuses work together to pursue their common goals. It is only fair that each campus contributes the same fee per student. We have an obligation to students at the other member campuses to bring our financial contribution in line with theirs.

**Effectiveness**

In order to be effective, the Canadian Federation of Students must:

- **monitor government policy on an on-going basis;**
- **produce quality research;**
- **ensure a high level of awareness of student issues at its member campuses;**
- **deal effectively with the provincial and national media; and**
- **maintain a strong profile with the government and with the public.**

All of this takes adequate resources. $3.75 per student, while sufficient in 1981 dollars, is entirely inadequate in 1996 dollars.

**Now, More Than Ever!**

Today, we are facing massive cutbacks in federal funding which threaten to cause our tuition fees to increase hundreds or even thousands of dollars. It is vital that we work actively to fight these funding cutbacks.

Raising our financial commitment to the Federation, by a mere $2.25 per semester, translates into a more effective campaign against massive cutbacks and tuition fee increases.

**On March 12, 13, and 14,**

**vote YES for a stronger national student voice.**

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## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

### *Official "NO" Side for the CFS FEE Referendum*

Devon Kruggel

The Canadian Federation of Students raised its membership fees a few years ago and the students at the University of Victoria decided not to pay this fee increase. Last year this question was asked of students here and a shameful defeat was handed to the pro-CFS Board that was in place. Yet, they are so desperate to pass this referendum that they will try again.

It is an increase of $2.25 per student per semester. But I ask of you, the electorate, what has the CFS done for us lately? They have us march on cold, rainy days in protests that attack an immensely popular federal government. They don't dare want us to protest a provincial NDP government which decides the amount of money given to UVic. Last year the CFS even sent lobbyists from Simon Fraser University here to change our minds.

It was the outcry from the students here at UVic that sent a clear message:
we are tired of fee increases no matter who does them and when we have to spend money then we want our money's worth. However, the UVSS Board of Directors refused to listen to the electorate.
Why? I really can't answer that question. It defies the concept of responsible government. Moreover there are things about the CFS that the UVSS won't tell the student body:

- **Originally, until recently, a portion of your Health Plan Fees were sent to the CFS,**
- **The real CFS Fee was not therefore calculated,**
- **The UVSS is already in debt yet no one seems intent on balancing it but they want to send $100,000.00 to the CFS anyway,**
- **The CFS won't allow most media to cover its meetings, we really don't know what they do,**
- **Although CFS spending is increasing so is our tuition, they have failed to represent us, and**
- **Why should we pay over $30,000.00 to each CFS executive in salary?**
- **The CFS says that 440,000 students support it, yet who here ever voted to be a CFS member?**

What is clear is that the Canadian Federation of Students has failed in its primary mandate to ensure that tuition remains affordable.

**On March 12, 13, and 14**
**I urge you, the student, to vote**
**NO to the fee increase.**

### Polling Stations:

**March 12, 13, 14.**
Clearihue, SUB, Unicentre, Library, Cornett, MacLaurin & Elliot

**March 13 &14**
Commons Block, Fine Arts, Visual Arts & UVic Bookstore

**March 12 & 13**
Begbie, Phoenix & HSD

**THESE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM**

## ACADEMICS

### SARAH BURGESS

(3rd Year Anthropology Major)

**Director, University of Victoria Students' Society (1995-1996)**

**Committee member of Student and Social Issues**

**Committee member of Personnel**

**Volunteer Coordinator, UVic Women's Centre (1994-1995)**

**Committee member of Ombudsperson Advisory**

My experience and work this past year with the UVSS Board of Directors has prepared me for the position of **Director of Academics**. Of paramount importance are the impending cuts to Social Programs. Over the past year I have dedicated much of my time to fighting the cuts. I helped organize the rally to protest the cuts to student services on campus (i.e. the cuts to the Mac Labs). I represented UVic on the Campaigns Committee at the Canadian Federation of Students Annual General Meeting. It was there that we developed the **Feb. 7th National Day of Action** and the upcoming **On-To -Ottawa Trek**. Through mass mobilizations, and other forms of direct non-violent action we <u>can</u> reverse Federal government policy.

**Issues I will work on:**

-abolition of differential fees for International Students

-lobbying the Administration for the implementation of an Aboriginal Studies Program

-continuing to lobby the University Administration to ensure that students are adequately represented within their departments and on University committees

-lobbying the Administration to hire an Anti-Racism Officer

- reversing the Administration's decision to charge $3 for Inter-Library loan

**Issues pertaining to the Academics Portfolio:**

**-Student Review:** build upon success of last years' by encouraging involvement with more students from all academic disciplines

**-Speakers' Planning:** bring in excellent speakers to raise awareness of the deleterious affects of racism, sexism and homophobia

**-Student and Social Issues:** continue to protest the cuts to Social Programs, and develop campaigns regarding the effects of the cuts on disadvantaged groups

On March 12, 13, and 14 vote **Sarah Burgess** for **experience, integrity and activism.**

## ACADEMICS

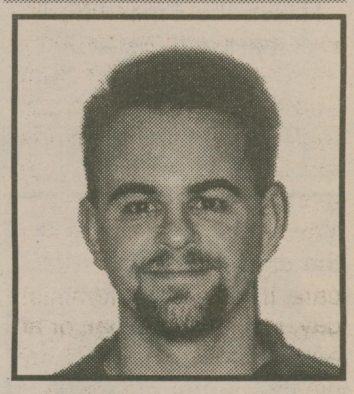
### KELLY W. SUNDBERG

I'm Kelly Sundberg and am running for the University of Victoria Student Society, Director of Academics. If elected I will ensure the SUB with all its facilities and resourses are equally accessable to all students. I have extensive experiance working in the university community with the Week of Welcome program, Resident Advisor program, and Campus Safewalk program. Over the past year I have been actively involved with the United Steel Workers of America and am dedicated to providing student employees a safe and equal work environment. It will be my primary goal as Director of Academics to:

- Increase the number of scholarship awards offered by the UVSS and make these awards more accesable.
- Ensure CO-OP students accessibility to campus resources while on work terms(including TREG) and lobby the administration to expand the CO-OP programs to include more faculty departments and thus inceace the number of participants.
- Provide a student handbook that is functional in format and politically nutral in content.
- Inprove the relationship between the university administration and the UVSS so as to enrich academic programs and services.
- Promote the university to our community and ensuring public, private, and government support for student programs, issues, and events.
- Ensure fair treatment of students by administration, staff and faculty.
- Guarantee a safe and secure campus for everyone.

Vote **SUNDBERG** in the upcoming UVSS BoD elections for **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!**

## SERVICES



### DEVON KRUGGEL

The Director of Services is that individual who will bring a sense of community and belonging to our University. I am asking you, the students of UVic, to consider me, Devon Kruggel, as your next Director of Services. I offer you all my experience and my commitment to a balanced UVSS. To the UVSS I will bring my experience as a previous Director at Large and my experience as the current Vice President of the Political Science Course Union.

As a former Director I worked with the present Director of Services on the Sub Completion Committee and on the Clubs Council. I understand this position and what it entails. More importantly I give you my commitment that I will work hard and without pause to provide all that I can.

The UVSS is in a state of need for strong and responsible leadership. I make the following pledge to the students of UVic.

I will not accept the 1995-96 Executive Pay Raise,

I will not accept the FREE Health Plan with Dental, and

If you are unsatisfied with my performance I will step

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## CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

down if asked at the 1996 AGM.

I believe in a democracy and I believe in being accountable. What do I offer the students of UVic?

- A better allocation of funds and resources to Clubs,
- More autonomy for Clubs and their use of their money,
- SUB completion on time and under budget,
- An INTERNET voting proposal for all students, and
- A new student run scholarship which I will personally work to bring about.

Granted these goals seem lofty but I know that I can get them done. There is one thing that everyone knows about me: I work hard and I listen.

### SERVICES

### SONIA MANAK

Hi! My name is Sonia Manak. I am a fourth year History major with a minor in Sociology. I would like to be given the chance to represent the students of the University of Victoria as Director of Services. My past accomplishments/interests include:

*Founding and executive member of the UVic Students of Colour Club

*Presenter and organizer of anti-racism forum

*Past president UVic NDP Club

*BC Representative to a Youth Forum in Ottawa

*Member of UVic United Nations Club

*Delegate to National Model UN Conference in New York

*Member of the Association of International and Canadian Students

*Participant BC Universities Model Parliament

*Member of the UVic Ballroom Dance Club

*Guest Speaker for International Day for the Elimination of Racism

*Womyns issues

*Promoting cultural awareness

*Advocating more student involvement in campus activities

As the Director of Services, I would:

* advocate increased student involvement in campus activities both political and social

* lobby university administration to implement a race relations office

* ensure that the university curriculum is fair, equitable, and representative of Uvic's diverse student population

* work towards increased participation of visible minorities, womyn, disabled persons, and aboriginal persons in all aspects of University life

* fight against federal funding cutbacks to post-secondary education

* work towards increased cultural awareness on campus

My main reason for running in that I feel there is a need for more womyn of colour to become involved in student politics. Further, I would like to gain a better insight into the workings of the University and to make sure traditionally marginalized student voices are heard!

**SO ON ELECTION DAY MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT: DON'T PANIC VOTE MANAK!!!**

### SERVICES

### ALISON WAGG

Hello, my name is Alison Wagg. I am a fourth year Psychology and Sociology major. During my past four years at Uvic my involvement in campus life has included:

*Three years experience as a peer counsellor serving as a peer support and referral service for students on campus.

*Two summers with Week of Welcome as a volunteer.

*One summer as an orientation staff member and Coordinator of the New Student Information Centre.

*The experience I have gained from working in the university community has given me valuable insight into how the University runs, the importance of communication and cooperation between the different university departments and the needs of students in regards to orientation.

**As Director of Services I would like to :**

*Put greater emphasis on clubs, promoting their creation, assisting in their fundraising and ensuring they remain social support builders in University life.

*Work towards making orientation even more appropriate for the different needs of our campus community by including various groups such as the LBGA, Native Student Union, Disabled Students Association, International Students and Mature Students Association in the preparation of orientation.

*Further improve safety on Campus by working towards improved lighting in certain areas of campus and increased access to Campus Security Services by way of direct dialing buttons on campus phones.

*Support the creation and evolution of the sexual assault centre.

*Work hard to ensure our Federal Government makes education a priority by continuing to lobby against the cutting of transfer payments to post secondary institutions.

*Organize and encourage more major events such as concerts to encourage school spirit and a sense of community at UVic.

*Work hard at listening and being open to ideas and opinions from all groups on campus.

*Serve as catalyst in improving cooperative living and communication on campus.

### SERVICES

### KIM WILLEY

Does the UVSS represent your interests? Does the UVSS give your interests the time they deserve? I strongly believe it's time that the UVSS starts **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.**

We have an incredible new facility and we must ensure:

- Students services reflect the UVSS's **$1.4 million operating budget.**
- All students get their **fair share** of SUB services.
- Student services are **cost effective.**

**I Support:**

- The **fight against any government cuts** to post secondary education. Our education is vital and worth fighting for!
- **Week of Welcome** and will work hard to see it continues to be a huge success.
- A reduction in the amount of **wasted paper** the UVSS produces.
- **Better orientation** for first year students.
- Further recognition and stable funding for **Clubs and Course Unions** to support the important role they play.
- Increased **University Spirit** through varsity sports and more UVSS sponsored events.

I am a History/Political Science major with previous experience in student government. I am highly motivated and committed to ensuring a wide representation of interests in the UVSS.

Above all I believe in **Putting Students First.**

### FINANCE

### TRACY DEANS

EXPERIENCE

I have hands-on, real world experience in the field of finance. I spent three years in managment with A&A Music and Entertainment, where I was directly responsible for budgeting. I spent the two years prior doing bookkeeping and payroll at the Banff Springs Hotel. I am a member of the Steelworker's Union, local 9288. I am currently empoyed in Felicita's and Vertigo as a server, and am familiar with all the Student Union Building's operations.

PLAN

I intend to ensure that all the UVSS operations remain within their respective budgets so that the students' money is spent wisely.

ACCESSIBILITY

I believe it is important for students to be informed of how their money is being spent. Accessibility of information is the issue. Currently our financial statements are available and posted for all students. I would like to see our financial statements put on a page on the Internet. This would make financial information accessible on campus and at home, at any time. Comments and questions would be sent via email or regular mail to the Board of Directors. I would personally respond to any financial concerns as quickly as possible.

ACCOUNTABILITY

I also believe that students should have real decision-making power. I would recommend online and written surveys about any major decisions being made. It would help the board to better gauge student opinion, and students would have more power within their Students Society.

Finally, I expect all students to have equal and fair representation in the UVSS. As an elected board member, I would vote in the interest of the majority of students. If there is open

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communication between students and the Board of Directors, we will be more capable of representing the majority in all decisions, financial and otherwise.

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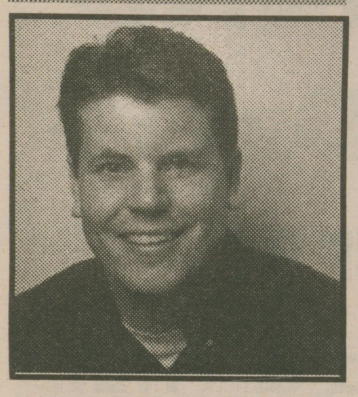

### TIM MCGUIRE

This past year the Board of Directors of the UVSS have turned a blind eye to the financial responsibilities we all must face. As Director of Finance I will be fiscally responsible and accountable to all students. As a Business Major I have taken numerous courses and have extensive co-op experience in all areas of accounting and finance management. At the same time, I do believe in **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!**

Specifically:

- It is important to maintain an affordable level of StudentsSociety fees. I question whether we are getting full value for our dollar.
- An open and inclusive budgeting process. It is important that students have the opportunity to provide input on how **our** money is spent.
- Maximize the potential of our new Student Union Building. Now is the time to **work with** the staff and management of the new building, and not against them.
- Ensure co-op students continue to have a voice while on off-campus work terms.
- Work with Athletics to help increase and promote school spirit.
- With federal and provincial education cuts on the horizon, I will work with the Administration to help ensure that the burden of these cuts are shared evenly, and not placed solely on the backs of students.

In the past two years I have been a member of the Commerce Students' Society, most recently serving as President. During that time I have come into contact with many students and groups that feel that they are not adequately represented by our Board of Directors. I promise that if elected this will change.

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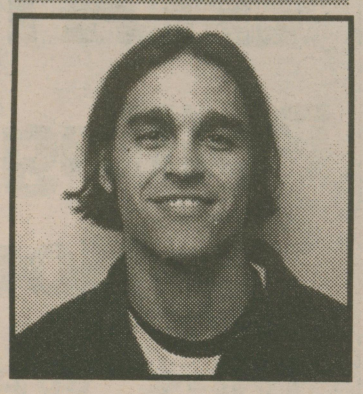

### CONRAD THOMPSON

A main responsibility of the Director of Finance is preparing the Budget to present to the membership at the Annual General Meeting, held every fall. As a student majoring in International Business, I feel I have the skills needed for doing an effective job. With your help we can ensure that the Budget reflects the priorities of the students.

There has been a lot of talk about debt, whether on the national, provincial or university level. Governments have been quick to cut spending all the while telling us that there is no alternative. Unfortunately, they have failed to mention that every spending decision is a political decision. A vital task for the Director of Finance is to represent the students' political priorities through allocating the Society's resources. As Director of Finance, I will tackle spending in a way that effectively facilitates the goals of the Students' Society.

I will:

* Conduct an open and inclusive budgeting process.
* Fight the cuts to education and social programs. The debt was not caused by social spending and will not be solved by eliminating it.
* Promote diversity on campus. There must be equal access to our universities for all, notably for marginalized groups, to ensure an environment that celebrates difference.
* Work with the Union during the contract re-negotiation period, in a way that is fair for all involved.
* Advocate for women's rights to a safe campus and push for a harassment-free learning environment.
* Increase awareness on issues such as aboriginal self-government, feminism, and race relations, among others.
* Pursue transportation alternatives for students including promoting bicycling and public transit.

Harnessing the superb potential of the UVSS is vital for students to ensure that their voices are heard. On March 12,13, and 14th, let's seize the opportunity to stimulate change.

**VOTE on March 12, 13, 14**

## OFFICIAL YES SIDE

*No one came forward to represent the official "No" side of the International Student Scholarship Fund (ISSF) referendum.*

### International Students Scholarship fund (ISSF) by Yogendra Shakya

The Association fo International and Canadian students(AICS) is initiating the establishment of the International Student Scholarship Fund (ISSF) to assist international students from developing countries to have an opportunity to pursue education at UVic, by providing financial assistance in the form of scholarships and bursaries. To build up this fund, we are requesting a $0.50 levy per semester from the students of Uvic.

There are numerous benefits to this scholarship fund. The students and faculty of University of Victoria, the recipient scholarship students from developing countries, the home countries of the recipient students, Canada and the world all will benefit from the implementation of this scholarship fund in various ways.

**Benefits to the students and faculty of University of Victoria from this Fund include:**

1. Will help to increase the cultural diversity of the campus, as more students from less represented countries and background can get an opportunity to study at Uvic.
2. Will help to increase the intellectual diversity in classrooms and other academic areas.
3. Will help to increase global orientation and awareness on the campus.
4. Will lead to strong, lasting friendships and bonds between Canadian students and the recipient international students who get the opportunity to study at Uvic.
5. Will give an opportunity to the students of Uvic to participate in increasing peace and international cooperation by giving educational opportunities to scholarly students from developing countries.

Similarly the international students who are able to come and study at Uvic because of the scholarship fund will benefit in numerous ways also. But most importantly these scholarly students will have an opportunity to practise and develop their skill and potentials at Uvic and go back to their home countries and lead the way to positive progress.

We believe that every student should have the right to education regardless of their origin, upbringing and financial status. We also believe that one of the best way to assist developing countries is to give the people there opportunities to education and not by building superdams and industries.

We would like to sincerely ask all the students of University of Victoria to come out and support this endeavour of ours. Please vote "Yes" to the $0.50 levy increase per semester which will go towards the International Students Scholarship Fund. Together we can make a difference.

**ALL CANDIDATES FORUM**

*AN OPPORTUNITY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!*

**THURS FEB. 29, 11:00 am**
**UVSS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**WED MAR. 6, 5 - 9 pm**
**CADBORO DINING HALL, RES**

*CAST AN INFORMED VOTE!*

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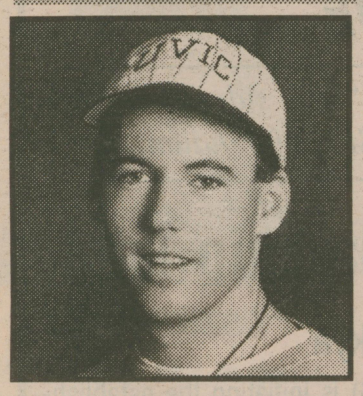

#### IAN FLEMINGTON

I am running as a candidate for Chairperson because I have heard the concerns of many students. As Director of Finance of the UVSS I have witnessed firsthand the opportunities for growth and universal cohesiveness of our organization slip from the hands of our Board of Directors. Our campus is rapidly changing and it is now time to start **Putting Students First!**

As a candidate for Chairperson I am committed to bringing change to our **student** organization in many ways. UVIC has been rated number one in *Macleans Magazine* for two years running, it is time for our Students' Society to be **proud** of our campus and reflect this accomplishment with great pride! Be excited as new leadership will bring these ideas forth:

- **VISION** we can foster a vision that will encompass the diversification of **all** student groups and services. This will help guide our Students' Society into the years to come with a plan.
- **SPIRIT** we can enhance our student spirit through supporting our various varsity teams and Athletics and Recreation programs, as well as instilling in first year students what a great University we have through our Weeks of Welcome Orientation program.
- **LISTEN** most importantly students must be listened to, and **heard**! It is time that students on co-op, and students in housing are amongst the groups that are taken seriously. Our Students' Society can do a better job listening. We need to listen to our Managers, and our Employees, after all they are an integral part of the heart of our society.

I believe in having a fair and effective Students' Society that will empower our membership, our Board, and our Employees. I will use my experience, and knowledge to ensure that next years Board will be **responsible**, and **accountable** to our members, STUDENTS!

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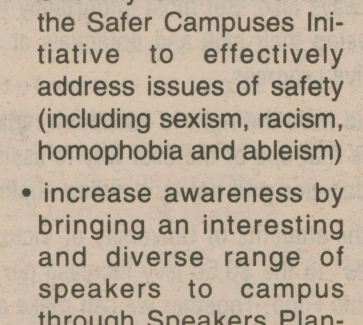

#### JULIE LEWIS

I am a fourth year Environmental Studies and Political Science student. This past year on the Board of Directors was challenging and insightful. As a Director I had the opportunity to:

- fight the cuts to Post-Secondary Education locally (planning and participating in the October 11 Rally against the Cuts and New or Increased fees at UVic) and nationally (planning and participating in the February 7 Rally)
- lobby the administration through the Campus Security Committee and the Safer Campuses Initiative to effectively address issues of safety (including sexism, racism, homophobia and ableism)
- increase awareness by bringing an interesting and diverse range of speakers to campus through Speakers Planning
- develop forward-looking UVSS policy through Organizational Development

The role of Chairperson is central to the communication of the Students' Society with others, whether they are the various levels of government, community groups, the administration or the university community. I will bring strong public speaking and effective communication skills, as well as an incisive analysis of issues to the position. As Chairperson I will:

- continue to liaise and work with the Graduate Students' Society, VIPIRG, the Women's Centre, the LGBA, the Native Students' Union and other members of the campus community
- lobby the administration to implement a full-time, paid Anti-Racism officer
- advocate for the maintenance of student space (which includes green space) on campus
- support the efforts of traditionally marginalized groups to acquire their own voice and space within the UVSS, on campus and within the larger society
- continue to make decisions and take action according to political, social, environmental and economic criteria
- foster an environment of activism on campus so that students can effectively participate in the struggle for an equitable and just society

**GET INVOLVED - BEGIN**

VOTE!

# POLLING STATIONS

## Polling Days & Hours:

**Tues, Wed & Thur**
**March 12, 13 &14:**
**8:30- 4:30**

**Stations will be set up at the following locations:**

**March 12, 13, 14,**
Clearihue, SUB, Unicentre, Library, Cornett, Elliot, MacLaurin

**March 12 & 13**
Begbie, Phoenix & HSD

**March 13 & 14**
Commons Block, Visual Arts, Fine Arts & UVic Bookstore

## All Candidates Forums

**Thur Feb. 29** *11 am - 3pm*
**The UVSS Multi-Purpose Room**
**(new SUB)**

**Wed March 6** *5pm - 9pm*
**Cadboro Dining Hall**